



MELCOMBE Regis Ward Councillor Tia Roos says more residents should be involved in a new board set up to oversee the future of Melcombe Regis

'Diversity and inclusion is key'

'Not enough' residents are involved in board to oversee future of Melcombe Regis, says councillor

By Trevor Bevins

IN a week when a panel of Dorset's "great and good" have been appointed to sit on a board overseeing the future of Melcombe Regis – a local councillor has complained about a lack of progress and an unwillingness to involve local people at Board level.

Ward councillor Tia Roos says she has not been allowed to sit on the Melcombe Regis Board – despite being elected to represent the area on the borough council.

"Only councillors who they have chosen specif-

ically can sit on it. Some of them don't even turn up. There are not enough residents involved. It's slow moving and we're waiting to see something happen," she said.

The new Board appointments include senior police officers, council officials and other senior professionals.

"I'm concerned about them having anyone with lived experience of the area present," said Councillor Roos this week. She is appealing for a "ground up", rather than a "top down" approach.

"I personally feel that residents should be heard first and foremost and that they should come

from a range of backgrounds in the area. Diversity and inclusion is key. Councillors don't always have the time and capacity or access to know everything that happens in an area and so the more involved the better in my opinion. I also believe that the heart of a community comes from involving it."

Melcombe Regis was named this week as the borough's busiest for crime with more than double the number of incidents of any other area.

The Board's publicity says its priorities will be to deliver a good standard of housing, create a thriving community, improve the environment,

help people to achieve better mental and physical health, increase employment and reduce crime.

Matt Prosser, Chief Executive of Weymouth & Portland Borough Council and Chair of the Melcombe Regis Board, said "There are complex and interrelated issues that

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ISABEL Knight is one of the property experts behind the new Devon & Dorset Investment Group, based in Lyme Regis.

Originally from Hertfordshire, she enjoyed a career in finance in London before moving to Chamonix in the French Alps, where she eventually launched a French property company with business partner Steve Colley.

Isabel, who has two children with partner Richard, later retrained as a business coach and now lives in Seaton, to be closer to family in Beer. Earlier this year, she and Steve started working together in property again in the UK and they recently teamed up with Lyme Regis architectural consultant Jim Larcombe on several projects, including the launch of the Devon & Dorset Investment Group.

● WHAT made you decide to move to France?

I moved to Chamonix in the French Alps in 2001 to pursue two life dreams – to learn a foreign language and to learn to ski powder, both of which I have achieved.

● HOW did you first get into the property industry?

While in Chamonix I built my own chalet, and met Steve, my business partner.

In 2007 we launched a property company together and we have now renovated or built more than 100 apartments, chalets and houses together.

In 2013 I retrained as a business coach and have been working with local businesses in the South West to help fulfil their growth ambitions. My love for property development was rekindled moving back to the UK and renovating the house I bought in Seaton. Whilst doing this earlier this year, Steve also moved back to the UK and we started a new property development company called Esprit Property.

Whilst renovating my property I met Jim Larcombe and I recognised similar interests in transforming and adding value to properties. Talking and then working with Jim I have realised there's a much bigger opportunity in this area than I first thought.

● WHAT does your company Esprit Property specialise in?

We are property developers focusing on renovation and new build developments of typically five and 20 units. We are also excited about bungalow renovations and conversions as there is tremendous scope to do this in this area. Our aim is to provide efficient, practical, contemporary property and up-



grade the quality of the housing stock in the area.

● WHAT inspired you to set up the Devon & Dorset Investors Group?

When Steve and I started working together again we attended our first Property Investors meeting in Plymouth. This meet up was pivotal for us as at this

networking event we met the people we needed to launch our property business in the UK. We saw that there was nothing like this in this area so we created DDIG to provide a similar event for people interested in property to meet, share ideas and possibly work together on their property journey.

● HOW can those interested in the property market benefit from the group?

We aim to help people to fulfil their property journey. We have already met lots of people who can help each other in business, who would not have necessarily met each other without the meetings. Our seminars are designed to educate people about all the different aspects of property investment, help change mindset about what is possible and inspire them to step out of their comfort zone. There are also great opportunities to create joint ventures with others matching money with experience and vice versa.

● HOW have the meetings been going so far?

The meetings have been going well with about 25 to 30 people attending each event, some from as far afield as Plymouth, Ipswich and London. It's open to anyone interested in the local property market and we want to continue to grow our network so more and more people can benefit from being part of a community with like-minded people. People have described it as interesting, informative and inspiring, and by the end of 2017 we hope lots of people will have been inspired to take action to fulfil their property dreams.

● WHAT do you like to do in your spare time?

I enjoy many forms of sport, but my passion is skiing which I just find exhilarating. I love spending time with my children especially playing games together. I really enjoy meeting people and learning what makes them tick and what their dreams and aspirations are.

● WHAT do you like about the local area?

The people are so friendly! Also the views in this part of the world are breath taking. I like that it seems to be an entrepreneurial community and there seems to be lots of different activities to do. I like the level of creativity here – perhaps inspired by the good quality of life.

The next meeting of the Devon & Dorset Investment Group will be held on Tuesday, December 13th at Lyme Regis Football Club. There will be an opportunity for networking from 6pm followed by a property seminar at 7pm (see advertisement on page 14 for full details).

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Planning application will be needed for council office plans

COUNCIL officers have decided that future plans for the former borough council headquarters do need to go through the planning process.

There have been local protests and an online petition after it was said that the scheme to convert the former North Quay offices into apartments would not need planning permission.

But now the borough's Head of Development Management and Building Control, Jean Marshall, has said that planning permission will be needed.

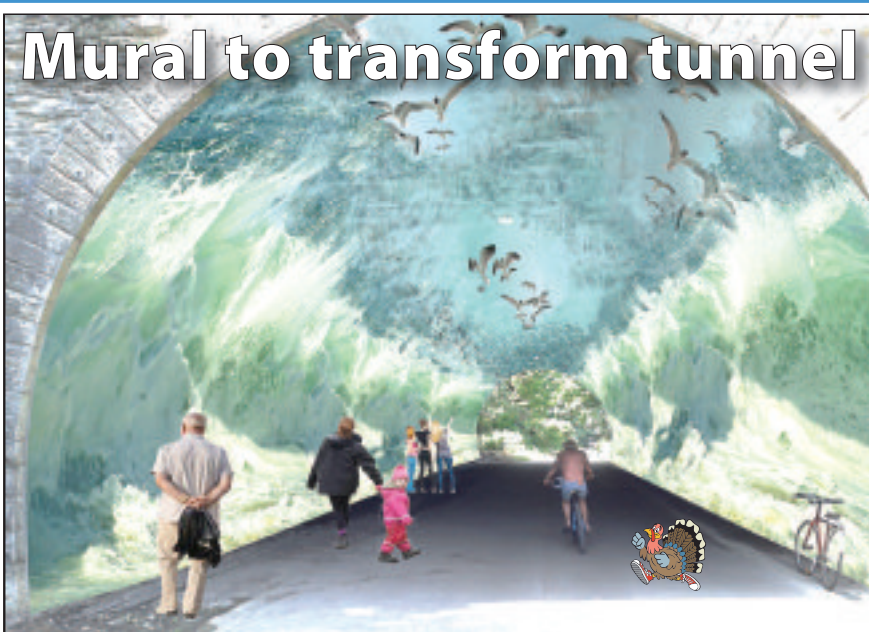
In a letter to councillors she said: "Weymouth and Portland Borough Council considers that the proposal does not constitute permitted development for the purposes of Schedule 2, Part 3, Class O of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 because the building concerned has not been used for a use falling within Class B1(a) (offices) of the Schedule The Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended) as required by Class O.1(b)."

"The council therefore considers that express planning permission is required."

Acorn Developments, the company which now owns the site, have not commented on the latest twist in the ongoing saga over the future of the site.

Many of the protestors, and some borough councillors, have been calling for the building to be knocked down and the site re-developed along the lines of the adjoining Harbour Lights scheme which has just won this year's Weymouth Civic Society award for its contribution to the town.

Mural to transform tunnel



■ ONE of the ideas for a Wyke Road Tunnel mural

A SPECTACULAR Weymouth project has been launched to turn the inside of Wyke Road Tunnel into a giant mural.

Ideas include an amazing image of seabirds flying above giant curling waves which appear to be about to crash down on pedestrians using the tunnel.

The project is being led by the Friends of Rodwell Trail whose chairman, David Carter, said they had always been worried about the "somewhat depressing atmosphere" of the tunnel.

But he added: "Now, driven by the enthusiasm of one of our committee members, Paula Klaentschi, we feel we can turn this nondescript thoroughfare with its half-a-million annual users, into a 'must visit' attraction."

"Paula has come up with a grand idea but one that we feel is definitely achievable."

"The whole project and specifically the first step - which is to be a public ideas competition - will be described after the Friends annual meeting at 7pm tonight (Wednesday, December 7th) at St Nicholas Church in Buxton Road. All are welcome to attend."

Paula said she was very enthusiastic about creating a tunnel mural and she added: "The renovation of the tunnel brought a whole new canvas."

"We want to draw on the vast creative energies of the area and engage local youth to do the painting."

The overall concept delighted Weymouth and Portland Tourism and Culture spokesman Councillor Jason Osborne who said: "It sounds like a fantastic idea."

"It is wonderful to hear of plans to see a dull and atmospherically low area brought to life by a splash of colour."

"I imagine that children would get a lot of fun out of running through the tunnel when it has its new mural. Anything that brightens up Weymouth and which encourages young adults to work for the community on a project which will be enjoyed by many people has got to be supported."

"It is an exciting project and one which will hopefully encourage improvements to the look of other similar areas of Weymouth and Portland."

The tunnel is on the Rodwell Trail, a walk which follows the track bed of the old Weymouth and Portland Railway which closed to passengers in 1952 and to freight in 1965.

A scheme to open up the whole route as a pedestrian walkway started in 1997 and the Rodwell Trail officially opened in 2000.

New board to oversee future of Melcombe Regis

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affect parts of Melcombe Regis and it is important that we work together to tackle these inequalities and do our best to improve people's quality of life. Some of this is about dealing with immediate issues and working with partners already delivering in Melcombe Regis, but a large part of this work is ensuring that we plan for, and resource, the changes needed in the future to deliver on all of the priorities for action we've developed.

"This isn't something we can do on our own. It is vital that we share information and identify issues together, in partnership with the public, local communities, our partners and all those that have a role and a passion for delivering services in the best possible way that meet the needs of those who live and work in Melcombe Regis."

Satisfied

View from Weymouth put the concerns of Councillor Roos to Councillor Gill Taylor, the borough's briefholder for housing who leads the Board on housing issues.

She said she was satisfied that the view of local people could and would reach the Board, which has six areas to focus on, each with a project lead. These are housing, community, environment, health, employment and crime.

"Local residents have their say through the community lead. It was recognised very early that it was imperative to take the community forward on this and that it is fundamental that they are involved. It was also recognised that community resilience was needed to be strengthened hence the board employing a community worker. The other point is that this is not just about the Park District, but about the whole of the Melcombe Regis ward and will not doubt spread over into neighbouring wards as issues do not follow ward boundaries," she said.

Councillor Taylor points out that the function of the Board is

to take a strategic view and, therefore, believes it important to have representatives at a senior level.

"This board is about getting the right people in a room around a table to make a difference to the area. If I can give an example as Housing Briefholder. The quality of some of the housing stock in Melcombe Regis has been identified as an issue. While housing may be able to do something it is useful to have Health in the room for their input as poor housing leads to poor health. Poor housing also crosses over to other parts of the project as well."

She added: "The public will have a say. It would be ludicrous to try and do this without them having their input - but until we have short and long term goals that we are considering and that are feasible, and have the buy in from the relevant parties, it is hard to consult."

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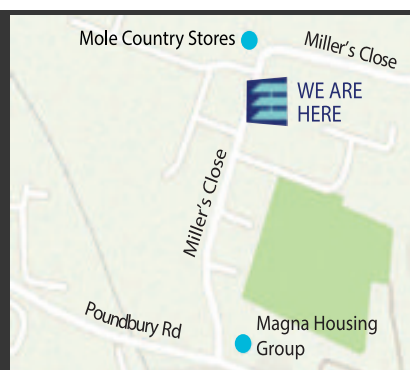
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Thank you from the Moores
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LOCAL residents are being asked to give their views on proposed changes to the concessionary bus pass scheme in Dorset.

The six week consultation opened at the beginning of December, and Dorset County Council is keen to hear from people who use the scheme, or may be affected by proposed changes.

The county council currently subsidises the scheme, which allows bus pass holders free concessionary travel before 9.30am on services where the next bus is not until after 10.30am. Free all day travel is also available for blind and partially sighted pass holders.

There is an additional companion scheme which allows individuals with certain disabilities the option of having a companion travel for free within Dorset.

Concessionary pass holders from East Dorset are also granted free all day travel when starting their journey in East Dorset. This is an enhancement funded by East Dorset District Council for its own residents with a valid concessionary pass, and no changes are proposed.

For the rest of Dorset, the proposed changes would mean con-

cessionary bus pass holders would not be able to travel free before 9.30am on weekdays. No changes are proposed for the partially sighted and blind, who would still be able to travel free any time. The companion scheme for people with disabilities would still continue. Concessionary holders would still be able to travel anytime of the day weekends and public holidays.

By ceasing to provide free concessionary travel before 9.30am, savings would be made that could enable the county council to focus financial resources more effectively. The changes will also allow for the wider use of schools transport routes for public services. Following on from the results of this consultation, changes will be implemented to the service in April 2017.

Councillor Peter Finney, Cabinet member for environment, said: "The proposals to remove some subsidies on Dorset's concessionary bus pass scheme are the latest in a long line of savings we are having to consider as a result of the unprecedented cuts in Government funding.

"Dorset County Council would continue to offers its residents a

concessionary scheme over and above the national scheme, but the level of cuts we face mean we have little option but to consult on removing subsidised travel before 9.30am.

"The proposed changes will help to make the financial savings required to ensure as much funding as possible remains available to fund local bus services.

"If these proposed changes are not made, it is likely to reduce our capability to support bus services across the county. This may mean more of Dorset's bus routes and services are withdrawn in the future."

The consultation runs until Friday, January 13th, and the council is particularly keen to know how you would be affected if proposals go ahead. You can complete the questionnaire online at: www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/travel-dorset/concessionary-passes-consultation

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Council merger could cost county 450 jobs

AROUND 450 jobs could be lost if Dorset goes ahead with plans to merge the county's nine councils into two.

Dorchester is thought likely to bear the brunt of the enforced redundancies.

Across the county the number of councillors could also be cut – from 331 to about 180.

But, despite the cost in jobs and the number of councillors per head, council leaders say there has been overwhelming support for the idea of bigger councils in the county.

Savings

The merger plan is seen as the county's best chance of making £200million of savings by 2019 – although it will come as a cost to council jobs.

Dorchester, which is now home to the county council and the merged West Dorset District Council, North Dorset District Council and Weymouth and Portland Borough Council, is expected to bear the brunt of the losses.

But, the county town is also home to the Dorchester Town Council, which may buck the job-loss trend and find it-

Planners to discuss Chickerell Aldi store

WEST Dorset planners are being asked this week to approve plans for an Aldi superstore at Chickerell.

It will be the town's first big store if planning committee members, who meet on Thursday (8th), agree.

Developers say the store, in Link Road, could create around fifty jobs.

Chickerell Town Council has welcomed the application although say that they believe the 500 square metre store could be larger.

Opening hours will be restricted to 7am to 7pm Monday to Saturday and 9am to 4pm on Sundays and Bank Holidays.

By Trevor Bevins

self taking on extra staff as a result of the changes. Dorchester is also the headquarters of many county-wide organisations, some of which may consider re-locating to the East of the county, or setting up additional offices in Bournemouth of Poole after the changes.

In towns like Weymouth a new town council could be created to provide local services and meet a demand for more local democracy.

At a news conference in Poole on Monday council senior executives said that cutting the number of councils is expected to save about £108million over six years.

They described the merger as a once in a lifetime opportunity which should not be missed and warned that unless change happened they would struggle to provide services in the future in the light of cuts in Government grants.

One of the proposals is the merger of Bournemouth, Poole, Christchurch and East Dorset, and the formation of a "rural" county made up of North Dorset, Purbeck, West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland.

Another option is for the existing unitary authorities of Bournemouth and Poole to combine, leaving the rest of Dorset to merge.

The majority of residents who responded to questionnaires they were posted, or took part in an online survey, said they supported moving to two councils.

Discussions will now be held at each council with a final decision made by the Government which does have the power to over-rule any objections.

A total of 4,258 consultation forms returned of the 20,000 sent to selected households while an additional 12,542 people filled out questionnaires online or on paper.

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Make your voice heard before it's too late

I WAS surprised to pick up a consultation questionnaire in Weymouth library informing the public that Dorset council is seeking the public's opinions on reducing the times during which some bus passes could possibly be used in the future.

I saw this quite by chance and feel that such an important subject should be aired more fully, especially for those who

may not visit the library. If members of the public do not express their views I fear that this suggestion may in fact become reality. It is not just for pleasure or shopping that buses are used but for vital medical appointments.

It is not always possible to state the time of an appointment and some will find difficulty in attending without the use of public transport. Yes there are vol-

untary transport services but these have to be paid for, of course and some may not be able to do so or have to go without other necessary items.

I would urge all those who may be affected to express their opinions before the end of the consultation on January 13th or it may well be too late.

Jean Spain
By email

LOCAL Lions have presented an iPad to help a Budmouth School pupil.

The tablet was presented by Weymouth and Portland Lion President Mark Lockie to Advisory Teacher Margaret Townsend on behalf of the county's Vision Support Services.

"When I went to the family home following the presentation and gave it to him he was so pleased with it and the smile on his face said it all. He was really pleased and I've never seen him smile so much, or have so much to say," said Margaret.

Vision Support Services provide a pan-Dorset support service for children and young people up to the age of 25 who have a visual impairment. This support includes home visits, an advisory role in schools, in-school training, mobility and independence training and 1:1 teaching of braille, ICT skills and curriculum content.



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the official BIG Christmas launch on Saturday evening with live music, food and drink stalls, and the Ice King and Queen.

Santa made his way into the town centre from Hope Square, pulled on his sleigh by two Reindeer, accompanied

by majorettes and dozens of excited children.

And once in the town centre Mayor Richard Kosior switched on the town's Christmas Lights – the fun continuing into the evening with local bands and



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BIG celebrations get underway

ice skating with appearances from performers in the pantomime, Jack and the Beanstalk.

The rink itself had been opened earlier in the week by South Dorset MP, Richard Drax and the Mayor and saw profes-

sional skater Millie Benedetto.

Part of the Weymouth celebrations include the offer of free parking in Borough Council owned car parks from 3pm every day until Saturday, December 31st.



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Bus strikes come to an end

THE five-month pay dispute involving bus drivers in Weymouth and Bridport has been settled.

The deal was thrashed out in talks between senior management from First Group, the parent company of First Hampshire & Dorset Ltd, as well as local managers, and Unite national officer for passenger transport, Bobby Morton, and shop stewards from the bus drivers.

The dispute resulted in drivers taking strike action and working to rule.

Mr Morton said: "This has been a long running dispute; however we have finally hammered out a peace plan that was accepted by our members."

"I would like to salute the solidarity that our members have shown since the first strikes in June and without that solidarity we would not have been able to achieve the current deal.

"Unite would also like to thank the Dorset public for its support of our members which sustained them during this difficult time.

"The drivers are now working normally and Unite wishes to build a constructive relationship with the management of First Hampshire & Dorset as we move forward."

The terms of the settlement will not be made public.

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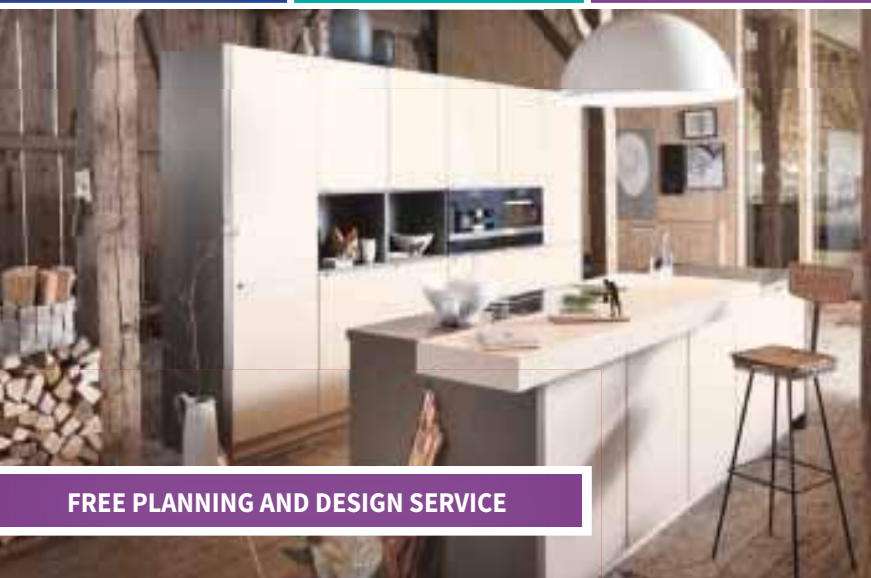
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George celebrates 103rd birthday

WEYMOUTH care home residents have celebrated the 103rd birthday of resident George Burrows.

Staff at the Buxton House care home arranged a celebratory buffet lunch for George and the other residents, prepared by the home's chef.

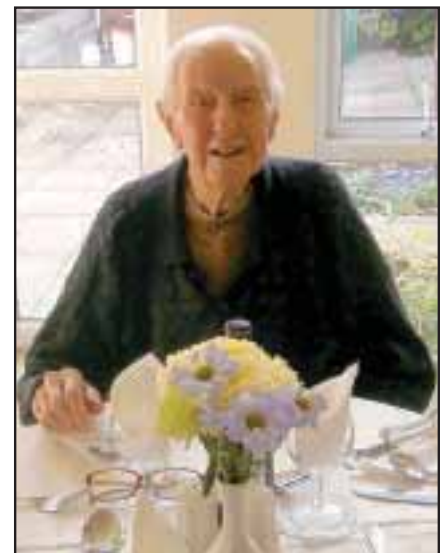
Born on November 11th 1913, in Chatham, Kent, George has seen a great deal of change in the last century, including two World Wars, the discovery of penicillin, the first man on the moon and the rise of the digital age.

Four different monarchs have ruled the country during his lifetime.

George joined the army as a fireman in the Second World War and travelled all over Europe before returning to his hometown to become a cinema projectionist.

George moved to Weymouth a few years ago to be closer to his good friend Lidia.

Janine May, Home Manager at Care South's Buxton House, said: "We were delighted to be able to celebrate George's special day with him at the home. It was lovely to see his fellow friends and residents celebrate with him and to hear more about his wonderful life. George really enjoyed the lunch organised by our Activities Organiser and couldn't wait to try his cake!



At Care South, we work hard to make sure our residents' birthdays are really special events – especially milestone birthdays like these."

Police escorts ambulance with injured biker

A POLICE escort was used to speed up the ambulance transfer of a badly injured biker to hospital in Dorchester on Saturday.

The Police Range Rover held up traffic at junctions and roundabouts between Weymouth and the Dorset County Hospital to get the critically injured man to a team of emergency medics who were waiting for him.

The air ambulance was put on standby with a landing site prepared at Cranford Avenue but in the

end it was decided it would be quicker to drive.

The accident happened shortly before 3.30pm at the junction of Carlton Road North and Alexandra Road – involving the distinctive motorcycle, a taxi and a van.

The 34-year-old male motorcyclist, on a black Honda motorcycle, suffered head and chest injuries.

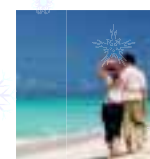
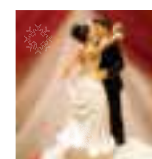
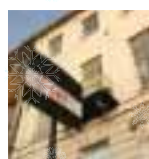
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Santa special to spread a little Christmas cheer

SOUTH West Trains will operate a "Santa Special" service this weekend to help passengers of all ages enjoy a bit of Christmas cheer and to raise money for a local hospice charity.

This Sunday, December 11th, Santa will be travelling from Weymouth and Dorchester West to Sherborne and Salisbury via Yeovil Junction.

Tickets for the "Santa Special" services can be purchased from just £5 return for adults from Weldmar Hospicecare representatives at stations or on board.

All proceeds from these services will be donated to the Weldmar Hospicecare Trust - a local charity providing high quality specialist palliative care

services for people with cancer and similar life threatening diseases.

The Santa Special will run in addition to the extra "Christmas Shopper" services between Weymouth, Dorchester, Sherborne and Salisbury, which are operating on Saturday, December 10th and Sunday, December 18th.

Matt Smith, Community and Events Fundraising Manager for Weldmar Hospicecare, said: "We provide care in the comfort of patients' own homes, through our wellbeing centres and for in-patients at Joseph Weld Hospice in Dorchester.

"That's why it's great that the money raised from tickets for

the special Christmas services will help fund the continuation of high quality care that is provided to patients and their loved ones throughout Dorset."

Adam Piddington, Customer Service Director for South West Trains, said: "We wanted to give something back to the communities we serve over the festive season in Dorset, Somerset and Wiltshire and providing these special Christmas services is a great way of doing so.

"The fact the funds raised will go to such a worthy cause is especially pleasing - we hope passengers will find the services useful for shopping and getting in to the festive spirit."

Louis Harris' parents back 'Don't Drink and Drown' campaign

THE family of an 18-year-old who is thought to have tragically drowned after a night out, are backing a charity 'Don't Drink and Drown' campaign.

Louis Harris, from Dorchester, tragically lost his life after he went missing in the early hours of Sunday, February 14th, this year, after a night out with his friends in Weymouth. He was last seen outside the Harbour Master's Office, on Custom House Quay at 4.30am.

Louis body was found four weeks later in Weymouth Harbour.

Louis' parents, Holly and Graham Harris, are now speaking out to show their support for the Don't Drink and Drown campaign and RLSS UK.

Mrs Harris said: "Since losing Louis, we have been horrified to discover just how many other young adults have died in similar, tragic, circumstances and it has moved me to want to do something about it.

"When intoxicated, people are in a highly vulnerable state, many young adults finding out the limits of their alcohol tolerance, and I want to warn people of the dangers. If people prepare well before they go out and plan how to get home safely before their judgement is affected, it may avoid things like this happening in the first place.

"We still don't know exactly what happened to Louis but if I can raise awareness and support the Don't Drink and Drown campaign, it may stop another family having to experience this terrible journey."

Louis' parents are set to visit students at Bath Spa University and Thomas Hardy School, Dorchester, where Louis attended, and present vital water safety and drowning prevention sessions.

RLSS UK's Don't Drink and Drown campaign this year runs until December 11th, warning drinkers to act responsibly near water after they have been drinking. Last year 20 per cent of all adult accidental drowning victims had alcohol in their bloodstream.

RLSS UK's Chief Executive, Di Steer said: "We would like to thank Louis' family for supporting our Don't Drink and Drown campaign.

"People die each year after entering the water with alcohol in their bloodstreams, either deliberately or completely by accident.

"Drinking near water can be dangerous and a deadly cocktail. Alcohol can seriously impede your ability to survive in water."

An inquest into Louis Harris death is yet to take place.

The pudding chase is on

WEYMOUTH'S annual Chase the Pudding event takes place this year on Sunday, December 18th.

The charity chase across the beach will raise money for local charity the Will Mackaness Trust.

The 5km run will start at 11am with warm-up and "Santa Stretch" from 10.45am.

The course starts at the Weymouth Pavilion end of the beach taking participants to The Groyne at Greenhill and back again.

Entry fees are £10 (£15 with Santa suit included).

This year there is also a "Chase the elf" event running for under 14s. This event will start five minutes after the Chase the Pudding race, and will be half the length of the main race. Entry fees for this race will be £5.

Pam Govier, Will Mackaness Trust Director, said: "We are aiming to build on the success of previous years with a bumper festive atmosphere on the beach with the wonderful sight of hundreds of Santas chasing after the pudding and elf.

"Santas and supporters will be entertained in the Pavilion Ocean Room by Ed Hintze playing Christmas carols for when the runners register and return from the chase. Christmas stalls and a raffle will also be available.

"If anyone is interested in having a stall please could they contact me on govierp@weyvalley.dorset.sch.uk. Come along to help us create a truly memorable experience."

Mark Steen, Director of BustinSkin, said: "I am delighted that local charity Will Mackaness Trust has taken a lead role in this event; it is a very worthwhile cause. I am sure that the event will be well supported by many local running clubs, family and friends for this hilarious, happy and healthy festive event."

Jason Osborne, Weymouth & Portland Borough Council's Tourism and Culture Briefholder, said: "The Chase the Pudding event is a fun event well known in the borough as being a festive favourite.

"Local events like these help raise awareness and money for countless worthwhile charities across the borough. The council is always happy to provide support to the Chase the Pudding event and I encourage everyone to go down to the seafront on December 18th to cheer on the runners."

Registration is from 9.30am in the Weymouth Pavilion Ocean Room.

For full entry and registration details visit: www.willmackanestrust.org.uk/christmas-pudding-race/

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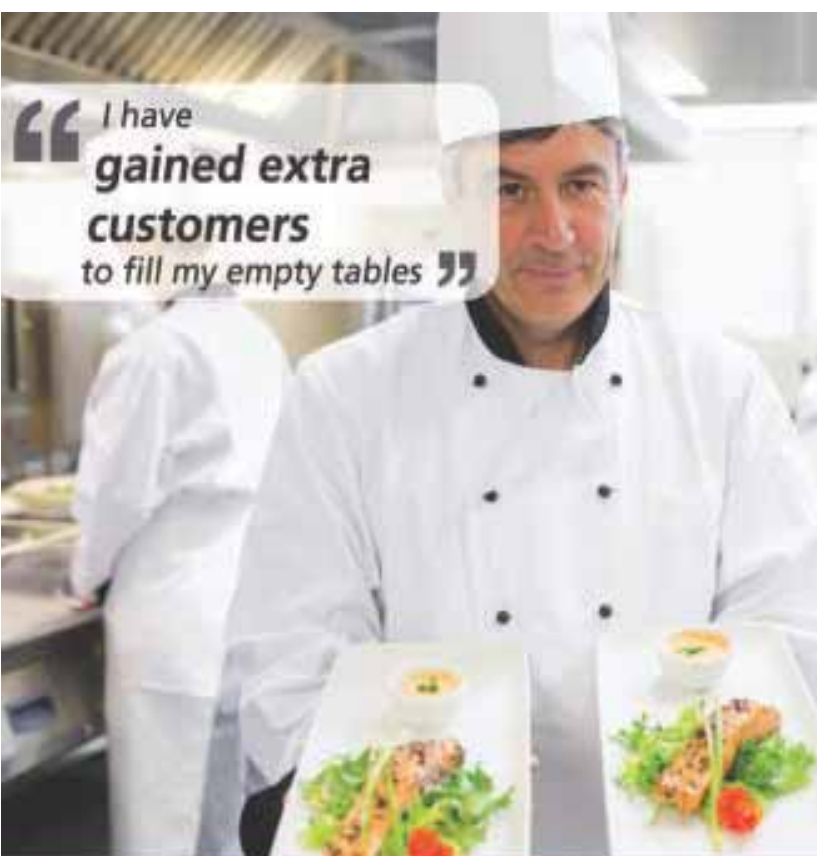


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Hospital to trial smoothie treatment for cancer patients

CANCER patients at Dorset County Hospital are to be offered daily watercress smoothies during a three-month trial which began last month.

Patients on Fortuneswell Ward and Chemotherapy Unit will be offered the superfood smoothies to help improve their general health and well-being. The pioneering initiative has been developed by the hospital in conjunction with Dorset and Hampshire watercress grower The Watercress Company.

First trialled in May 2016, the project has gone through a series of tests to develop a recipe that not only tastes great, but has the optimum balance of minerals and vitamins.

Watercress is brimming with a wealth of nutrients such as vitamin C, iron and calcium as well as specific compounds and enzymes that are activated when watercress is chewed or blended into a smoothie.

Watercress is a rich source of isothiocyanates (ITCs), beneficial chemicals whose effectiveness has been proven in many scientific studies. When eaten raw ITCs have been linked with the reduction of DNA damage and the inhibition of carcinogenic activity.

During the last decade many studies have been carried out in order to investigate the beneficial effects of watercress, particularly relating to the reduction of cancer risk and inhibition of cancerous cell growth. In 2007, research carried out by Professor Ian R Rowland of the University of Ulster supported the hypothesis that consumption of watercress can reduce the risk of colon cancer in humans via a decrease in DNA damage.

In 2009, further research, led by Professor Graham Packham of the University of Southampton, demonstrated that a specific ITC found in watercress (PEITC) may have the ability to suppress breast cancer development by "turning off" a signal in the body, thereby starving the growing tumour of essential blood and oxygen.

In response to these studies, Dorset County Hospital (DCH) is keen to introduce the potential benefits of watercress to their patients and staff.

Chief Dietitian Isabelle Hooley is passionate about the scheme, and said: "We are delighted to work with The Watercress Company on this trial, giving patients and staff on Fortuneswell Ward an easy way to sip, swig or slurp an extra portion of fruit and vegetables; a dietary change, which is proven to have health benefits."

Throughout the trial period, the project's success will be measured via the use of questionnaires and the monitoring of uptakes. The initial aim will be to confirm that patients are enjoying the smoothies, and feel that their experience at DCH has been improved due to the scheme.

If the trial is deemed a success, the project could be scaled up to involve other hospitals and full clinical trials may also be considered.

The Watercress Company's Dorset and Hampshire farms have been growing watercress in mineral-rich spring water since the 1850s.

Managing Director, Tom Amery, said: "We are delighted to be able to develop a product with DCH that has such a benefit to patients. Other than the nutrient benefits, we recognise the wellbeing that comes from such a novel solution, backed by scientific research, supporting the long recognised effect watercress has on health and nutrition."



NEW Chief Fire Officer Ben Ansell

New fire chief

DORSET & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service has a new Chief Fire Officer.

Ben Ansell has taken over from Daran Gunter, who announced his intention to retire back in the summer.

Mr Ansell joined the then Dorset Fire Brigade in 1994 and in recent years led the force's operation for the Olympics and was promoted to Assistant Chief Fire Officer in 2012.

In April 2016, Mr Ansell became Assistant Chief Fire Officer of the newly combined Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service, and Director of Operations for the new organisation.

He has paid tribute to his predecessor, saying: "Darran has been a great leader, especially during the combination of the

new service. I thank him for that, and for his personal support to me since my designate appointment in September."

Mr Ansell added: "I am very proud to have become Chief Fire Officer of Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service. The Service has seen a huge change this year following combination, and I plan to build upon the excellent work of our staff to make our communities safer. This includes our involvement with Safe-Wise in the new safety centre in Swindon, continuing our work on risk management planning, and continuing to work closely with our partners to enable our communities to become safer and healthier, and to live more independently."

Volunteers needed for Christmas rush

DORSET Wildlife Trust is asking for volunteers who can spare a regular half or full day leading up to Christmas.

The trust say that following the year on year success of its Christmas shop it needs helpers to pick, pack and despatch Christmas sales goods orders from its Brooklands Farm headquarters.

Training will be provided with support from the administration and fundraising staff.

All the profits made from Christmas sales goes straight to the trust's conservation work.

Potential volunteers should contact Fiona Sansom by email at fsansom@dorsetwildlifetrust.org.uk.

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12 Christmas Safety Tips

RoSPA offers simple tips for a safe and happy Christmas: www.rospa.com

CHRISTMAS is a time when your home is likely to be full of people and it is in the excitement of the season that accidents can easily happen. But one of the good things about Christmas is that there are typically more people around to supervise the children and, with a little more care and forward planning, most accidents could be avoided.

Follow these 12 safety tips to help prevent your festivities being cut short by a trip to casualty:

1. Make sure you buy children's gifts for the correct age group and from reputable sources that comply with standards (e.g. The Toys (Safety) Regulations 2011)

2. Remember to buy batteries for toys that need them - that way you won't be tempted to remove batteries from smoke alarms

3. Look out for small items that could pose a choking hazard to young children, including parts that have fallen off toys or from Christmas trees, button batteries and burst balloons

4. Keep decorations and cards away from fires and other heat sources such as light fittings. Don't leave burning candles unattended, make sure you put them out before going to bed and do not put candles on Christmas trees

5. If you have old Christmas lights, seriously consider buying new ones, which will meet much higher safety standards, keep the lights switched off until the Christmas tree is decorated, don't let children play with lights (some have swallowed the bulbs), and remember to switch off the lights when going out of the house or going to bed

6. Remember, Christmas novelties are not toys, even if they resemble them, and they do not have to comply with toy safety regulations. Give careful thought to where you display them, for example, place them high up on Christmas trees where they are out of the

reach of young hands

7. Give yourself enough time to prepare and cook Christmas dinner to avoid hot fat, boiling water and sharp knife accidents that come from rushing, and keep anyone not helping with dinner out of the kitchen. Wipe up any spills quickly

8. Have scissors handy to open packaging, so you're not tempted to use a knife, and have screwdrivers at the ready to assemble toys

9. Beware of trailing cables and wires in the rush to connect new gadgets and appliances, and always read instructions

10. Falls are the most common accidents so try to keep clutter to a minimum. Make sure stairs are well-lit and free from obstacles, especially if you have guests

11. Plan New Year fireworks parties well in advance and follow the Firework Safety Code

12. Do not drink and drive, and plan long journeys so you won't be driving tired.



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WHAT TO DO THIS WEEK

by Hannah Stephenson, Press Association

- When pruning large branches of trees and shrubs with a saw, make a cut on the underside first, to prevent bark tearing back as the branch comes away.
- Protect the tops of celery with cloches or cover them with straw.
- If a new flush of growth starts to appear on Christmas cherries - Solanum capsicastrum - and threatens to hide the colourful fruits, pinch it out.
- Order lettuce seed, so you can make early sowings in frames during January.
- Protect early peas and beans sown in autumn from the protection of a little soil drawn up around them to make a wind-break.
- Erect a screen to protect newly planted evergreens from wind scorch.
- Prune deciduous shrubs and trees if any fairly large-scale work is necessary.
- Remove any debris which may have lodged between newly-planted spring bedding and remove weeds.
- Reduce the length of the stems on any tall rose bushes to decrease the risk of them being moved in the ground by the wind.
- Prune out the areas of apple trees infected with apple canker. Look for signs of canker rings on the bark, which cause dieback and cut back to healthy growth.

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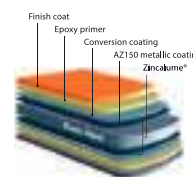
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ALMOST 200 dressed in red for Weldmar's annual Santa Run in Dorchester on Sunday.

But the new location, starting from the Rugby Club, resulted in many getting a little more than they bargained for.

Instead of turning right to run down Coburg Road the lead runners swung to the left to take them on to the Poundbury course where the event used to be held.

Puzzled marshals waiting to turn the pack onto the Thomas Hardys sports field were more than a little amazed when ten minutes after the 11am

by Trevor Bevens

start there were still no runners in sight. They had been expected to reach that point within a couple of minutes.

But most took the extra lap in good heart and carried on to finish the correct course in style.

The event is the sixth Santa Fun Run for Weldmar Hospicecare - which has so far contributed £21,000 to help the local charity support patients and their families across Dorset.

Adding to the Christmassy feel, and the

fund-raising, were a number of stalls including hot refreshments of bacon rolls and bratwurst, mulled wine, Christmas cards and decorations, books, home-made cakes, tombola, craft items and more.

Said Katie Slade, Events Fundraiser at Weldmar Hospicecare: "This event is always a wonderful way to start the Christmas season. The sight of so many Santas, of all ages, running around Dorchester always fills us with Christmas cheer."

"This year we are delighted to be hosting this event with our charity partners, the Dorchester Rugby Club."



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Interested in the property market?

THE Devon and Dorset Investment Group are inviting all those with an interest in the property market to their next meeting to find some inspiration for the New Year.

The meeting will be held at Lyme Regis Football Club on Charmouth Road on Tuesday, December 13th. There will be an opportunity to network and meet others with similar interests from 6pm to 7pm, followed by a property seminar on from

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5.00 - 6.30pm Santa's Grotto - in Abode (only £2.50)

5.00 - 6.25pm Christmas Treasure Hunt

5.00 - 6.30pm Lots of activities up and down The Street

Children's crafts, face painting, mulled wine, mince pies, turkey rolls, soup, hot chocolate, ginger bread, wine & beer tastings, guessing games, toy and gift sale, art exhibition, tombola, lucky dips, Christmas biscuit decoration.

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Stalls

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Mulled wine
Santa's Grotto. Punch & Judy outside
Drinks and nibbles
Carol singing, face painting, soup, toy and gift sale, children's activities
Art exhibition & meet the artists, mulled wine, children's activities
Mulled wine, Calendar raffle
Turkey rolls and hot dogs on the patio
Guessing game
Wine, beer & food tastings inside, tombola outside
Decorating Christmas biscuits
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Mulled wine & mince pies. Raffle draw at 6.15pm
Children's craft activity & Lucky Dip. Treasure Hunt draw at 6.25pm
Mulled wine & cider and hot nibbles 6.30 - 7.30pm
Scouts (hot chocolate) outside FSB/Post Office
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Irina Pratt (Avon, gift baskets) outside Charmouth Stores
Bronwen Cound (Jewellery and Christmas decorations) inside FSB
Candy floss and popcorn outside Charmouth Stores

Portland's country market to close

PORTLAND'S weekly Country Market is to be held for the last time just before Christmas.

Organisers say the market, which sells locally produced food, drink and plants, is no longer sustainable.

It has been running since 1989 and has been trading in Easton for 27 years – the last six at the Community 2000 Hall.

Market Secretary Tessa Spiller confirmed this week that the market on December 23rd would be the last.

"We have struggled to keep going for the past two years and with fewer cooks, very little plant and vegetable, and falling customer numbers we have re-

By Trevor Bevins

luctantly had to reach the decision to close."

Over the years the market has been at the Methodist Hall, then The Jubilee Hall and finally at the Community 2000 Hall.

The decision to close was taken by an extraordinary meeting of producers and members under the County Chairman, Mrs Joyce Warne.

The meeting heard that the market manager is retiring and a new manager would need to be appointed in order for the market to continue. Because of rising costs the commission that traders pay would also have to

rise, which could result in the loss of some stallholders – worsening the situation.

Traders have now been asked to remove any craft goods they may have stored in the market or before December 23rd as there will be no facility for storage after that date.

"The committee would like to thank all producers, members and our loyal customers for their support throughout the past 27 years and would like to take this opportunity to wish them a happy Christmas," said Mrs Spiller.

■ HOW'S this for potty parking?

This van, spotted on Weymouth's Esplanade on Thursday, near the King's Statue, has been left on an 'island' dividing the traffic lanes.

The driver might well have a case for claiming he could not see the yellow lines as they had been covered by wind-blown sand.



Ghostly goings-on at Tudor House



SPECTRES, spooks and spiders were shivering spines when Weymouth's Tudor House welcomed people to a Ghostly Christmas.

Visitors were told local tales and they could tour exhibits including a ghostly banquet table complete with rats and a jelly containing spiders and dead mice!

People could also get tarot readings and there was even a "Grey Lady" ghost played by or-

ganiser Dorothy Hyman (pictured).

She said: "There was a lot of interest in our event and our wonderful volunteers dressed up in historic costumes spanning several centuries.

"We also had on a show a coffin pie which is made by putting a quail inside a pigeon inside a chicken inside a turkey inside a goose with the whole lot encased in pastry. A traditional boar's head and bean cake were

also available.

"The day allowed us to meet and greet friends old and new and let as many people as possible know about the Tudor House near Hope Square which is the last one in Weymouth laid out as a traditional merchant's house.

"We had a strong Christmas theme and I was the Grey Lady ghost who frequents this building. I have never seen her but several of our guides have and we all wonder what her story is."

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Holiday Safety Tips from ASPCA

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THE holiday season is upon us, and many pet parents plan to include their furry companions in the festivities. As you gear up for the holidays, it is important to try to keep your pet's eating and exercise habits as close to their normal routine as possible. Also, please be sure to steer pets clear of the following unhealthy treats, toxic plants and dangerous decorations.

Be Careful with Seasonal Plants and Decorations

Oh, Christmas Tree: Securely anchor your Christmas tree so it doesn't tip and fall, causing possible injury to your pet. This will also prevent the tree water—which may contain fertilizers that can cause stomach upset—from spilling. Stagnant tree water is a breeding ground for bacteria, and your pet could end up with nausea or diarrhea should he imbibe.

Avoid Mistletoe and Holly: Holly, when ingested, can cause pets to suffer nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Mistletoe can cause gastrointestinal upset and cardiovascular problems. And many varieties of lilies can cause kidney failure in cats if ingested. Opt for just-as-jolly artificial plants made from silk or plastic, or choose a pet-safe bouquet.

Tinsel-less Town: Kitties love this sparkly, light-catching "toy" that's easy to bat around and carry in their mouths. But a nibble can lead to a swallow, which can lead to an obstructed digestive tract, severe vomiting, dehydration and possible surgery. It's best to brighten your boughs with something other than tinsel.

That Holiday Glow: Don't leave lighted candles unattended. Pets may burn themselves or cause a fire if they knock candles over. Be sure to use appropriate candle holders, placed on a stable surface. And if you leave the room, put the candle out!

Wired Up: Keep wires, batteries and glass or plastic ornaments out of paws' reach. A wire can deliver a potentially lethal electrical shock and a punctured battery can cause burns to the mouth and esophagus, while shards of breakable ornaments can damage your pet's mouth and digestive tract.

Plan a Pet-Safe Holiday Gathering

House Rules: If your animal-loving guests would like to give your pets a little extra attention and exercise while you're busy tending to the party, ask them to feel free to start a nice play or petting session.

Put the Meds Away: Make sure all of your medications are locked behind secure doors, and be sure to tell your guests to keep their meds zipped up and packed away, too.

A Room of Their Own: Give your pet his own quiet space to retreat to—complete with fresh water and a place to snuggle. Shy pups and cats might want to hide out under a piece of furniture, in their carrying case or in a separate room away from the hubbub.

New Year's Noise: As you count down to the new year, please keep in mind that strings of thrown confetti can get lodged in a cat's intestines, if ingested, perhaps necessitating surgery. Noisy poppers can terrify pets and cause possible damage to sensitive ears. And remember that many pets are also scared of fireworks, so be sure to secure them in a safe, escape-proof area as midnight approaches.

Avoid Holiday Food Dangers

Skip the Sweets: By now you know not to feed your pets chocolate and anything sweetened

with xylitol, but do you know the lengths to which an enterprising pet will go to chomp on something yummy? Make sure to keep your pets away from the table and unattended plates of food, and be sure to secure the lids on garbage cans.

Leave the Leftovers: Fatty, spicy and no-no human foods, as well as bones, should not be fed to your furry friends. Pets can join the festivities in other fun ways that won't lead to costly medical bills.

Careful with Cocktails: If your celebration includes adult holiday beverages, be sure to place your unattended alcoholic drinks where pets cannot get to them. If ingested, your pet could become weak, ill and may even go into a coma, possibly resulting in death from respiratory failure.

Selecting Special Treats: Looking to stuff your pet's stockings? Stick with chew toys that are basically indestructible, Kongs that can be stuffed with healthy foods or chew treats that are designed to be safely digestible. Long, stringy things are a feline's dream, but the most risky toys for cats involve ribbon, yarn and loose little parts that can get stuck in the intestines, often necessitating surgery. Surprise kitty with a new ball that's too big to swallow, a stuffed catnip toy or the interactive cat dancer.



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WITH Christmas fast approaching I'm sure I don't need to remind pet owners about the dietary hazards that are ever present during this festive period. So take care to keep chocolates and grape/raisin and sultana containing food-stuffs out of harms way, that includes Christmas cake and mince pies. Did you know macadamia nuts are also toxic to pets?

My cat is very adept at getting chocolates decorations out of the foil on the Christmas tree so take care with them as well. Chocolate is not just poisonous for dogs but for cats too.

Christmas and going into the New Year is a time when perhaps more visitors will call and your house may become a very noisy environment and this can be quite stressful for our pets. So why not give them some quiet time in separate room. If they are scared of noise or fireworks then why not use a pheromone plug-in to chill them out in their safe space.

Other hazards to think about are small toys which may get chewed or swallowed and cause an obstruction. Magic sand in particular is very dangerous as it solidifies in the guts.

If a few precautionary measures are put in place you and your pets can have a happy, stress-free, safe and Happy Christmas.

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AS temperatures start to drop, the British Veterinary Association (BVA) and British Small Animal Veterinary Association (BSAVA) are warning pet owners to make sure their dogs and cats are kept free from hidden and potentially fatal hazards this winter.

During the winter your pets can be affected by the cold and get ill. To avoid this walk dogs for less time but more often when temperatures drop, and consider putting a dog coat on old dogs or those with thin fur to keep them warm. Keep older cats inside when the weather gets very bad and make sure that even healthy cats are able to access shelter and warmth.

Do not bathe your dog or cat too often over the winter months - unless they've rolled in something unbearable! If you do, make sure it's with warm water and that they are dried thoroughly to prevent them getting cold and be-

coming ill.

When walking your dog in ice and snowy conditions, do not let it off the lead and avoid walking in areas where ponds or lakes may have frozen over - animals often don't understand the difference between solid ground and ice and can fall through. In this situation vets urge owners not to go in after their pet as although distressing, it is never worth risking your own life as well as your dog's.

Gudrun Ravetz, President of the British Veterinary Association said: "Each season brings its own set of hazards and winter is no different, so we ask owners to make sure their animals are kept safe and warm over the winter months. Simple things like leaving your dog sat on the cold ground outside a shop whilst you pop in or putting your cat out all night can cause it to get excessively cold which may have a negative im-

pact on their health. Pets still need their usual exercise through the winter, but be mindful of the temperatures outside - it may be better to go outside more regularly for less time than to be outside for a long time on one long walk."

Ross Allen, spokesperson for the British Small Animal Veterinary Association said: "Give paws a thought - when it gets cold many of us use de-icer, which often leaks onto the ground - this can prove deadly to pets, so it is worth wiping down their legs and paws after being outside. Extreme cold, as well as salt and grit used on the road, can irritate your pet too so when you wipe paws also check for cracks and bleeding. The cold can also worsen some established conditions, such as arthritis. If you've not had your annual check-up with your vet, this is a good time of year to schedule a visit."



Tasty Christmas treats for veterans

WEYMOUTH & Portland Borough Council are being invited to attend a Christmas treat of tasty mince pies and Christmas cake as part of the borough's December Veterans' Rendezvous.

The event will be held next Wednesday, December 14th, from 10am to 12pm in the Weymouth RAFA Club in Maiden Street.

The traditional festive bakes of Christmas cake and mince pies have kindly been donated by local bakers, Dorset Cake Co.

Mayor of Weymouth and Portland, Cllr Richard Kosior, said: "As an ex-servicemen it gives me a special pleasure to spend time with our veterans and I am delighted to have the opportunity to represent the borough at this festive time of the year.

"I'd like to thank all of our veterans for their wonderful support at Weymouth's Armed Forces Day Celebrations and a number of civic and borough events throughout the year.

"I would also like to express my gratitude to Dorset Cake Co. for supplying the Christmas delights for the veterans once again this year, recognising over 20 years of support."

Paul and Shaun Walden, joint Company Directors of Dorset Cake Co. said: "We are proud to be supplying our veterans with Christmas treats fresh from our local bakery. Dorset Cake Co. are proud to support the veterans' in any way we can."



■ A SPECIAL ceramic Christmas decoration workshop has been held at the RSPB Centre on Weymouth's Radipole Lake.

The event was led by potter Gemma Mordle who oversaw the cutting and shaping of clay.

She said: "We had all sorts of shapes from Christmas trees and stars to snowmen and angels.

"We also incorporated nature into the ornaments through foraging for leaves, herbs and ferns which were then imprinted on the clay to leave distinct shapes."

She added that more than 50 decorations were crafted before they were taken away to be fired and hardened in a kiln in preparation for Christmas.

Gemma said: "We have held similar workshops before, but never at Radipole and we hope to return here because it is such a beautiful place."

Cakes and carols

THERE will be cakes and carols at Poundbury's Quiet Space this Sunday, December 11th at 3.30pm.

The informal event will start with refreshments, followed by familiar Christmas Carols and the stories behind some of them. People of all ages are welcome.

Museum sci-fi fun

FREE admission and sci-fi characters will be offer at Dorset County Museum on Dorchester Christmas Cracker Night this Thursday, December 8th.

From 5pm the museum's exhibitions will be open without an admission charge.

For younger visitors science fiction and fantasy movie and TV characters will be back at Dorset County Museum for the evening – among them characters from the superheroes from the Marvel Universe, Star Wars, Doctor Who and many more.

Mulled wine and mince pies will be available to buy at the tea room.

Christmas sale

THE Piddlehinton Millennium Green supporters group are holding a Christmas Sale this Saturday, December 10th at Piddlehinton Village Hall.

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Weymouth Matters

A personal View by HARRY WALTON

A leopard doesn't change its spots

■ THIS week's Growing Old Disgracefully slot looks at reading glasses and whether pensioners really need them to read.

Grow old and sooner or later you'll need glasses, but elderly people can be very cunning.

Share pub drinks with a pensioner and when it's their turn to buy a round they'll cast a vague unseeing eye over the drinks menu before waving a £20 note at the youngest member of the party, asking them to go to the bar "to save me legs!"

The round is duly bought and delivered along with change only for an angry bellow from the pensioner upon finding he's fourpence short! So it hadn't been quite such a vague look at the prices then!

The thing is that pensioners use their reading glasses as a social weapon or to wave about not just to see with. It makes them doubly or trebly important and woe betide anyone who underestimates that worth.

IT appears that any new flats which might be cobbled together from the old Weymouth council offices building on North Quay might well come with free ventilation.

Local opinion has already loudly protested that the "eyesore" building - which the council had to spend hundreds of thousands of pounds maintaining - is not to be knocked down but could be converted into dozens of apartments using stud walls to divide up the ramshackle building.

Now a council employee who used to work there has told me that another problem to beset the building was vandalism with "little darlings" up above the building on Chapelhay Heights firing stones, catapults and air weapons to smash windows in rooms at the back of the council building.

So bad was the damage at times that some rooms were rendered unusable.

Leopards don't change their spots and it is almost a racing certainty that any new develop-

ment of the building will still face the same old vandalism problem. I doubt that snippet finds its way into the sales brochure.

Meanwhile one of my readers tells me that potential developers, Acorn South, finished a similar project in Bournemouth last year converting a 1970s office block into luxury apartments.

That sales brochure had pictures of lovely views and interiors but not one picture of its ugly exterior. North Quay is such an "eyesore" site that they'll need to do the same with that.

JUST 18 nerve-jangling, post watching, crowd shoving days until Christmas and the battle to hunt down gifts has never been more fraught.

My buying has been much luckier this year and most of the main presents I will give have already been bought. That still leaves quite a few little presents to get for various family members including my wife. This is never an easy task as I'm banned from buying her jewellery, perfume, clothing.....pretty much everything really, so I've had to resort to the unusual and the exotic.

Do you think she'll like a nice shower cap in the shape of a vampire bat? Or how about a personalised teaspoon with an eyeball etched into its bowl? Still not sure about that one.

People buying early to beat the Christmas postal log jam are actually extending it with postmen's loads getting bigger earlier.

For those of you who don't already know then the last day for 2nd class post to be delivered before Christmas Day is December 20th and for 1st class post it is December 21st, so get licking those stamps!

Taking nasty to a whole new level

SEVERAL of my recent columns have commented on how night-time exposes the nastier side of Weymouth, but this incident takes "nasty" to a new level.

A 13-year-old girl was excited to be making her first ever visit to a nightclub in Weymouth as part of an adult-organised celebration of a friend's birthday.

She duly turned up outside the nightclub where she joined other friends in a group waiting to go in. Suddenly the group was ap-

proached by a youth aged 15 or 16 who asked them if they wanted to buy drugs. When they said they didn't want any drugs the youth then spat on one group member's shoe before walking off.

Now, this incident ranks low on the overdose death scale but very high indeed on the scale of opportunism and right off the scale as far as providing a hint that drug suppliers exist almost anywhere at any time.

Having spoken to the father of

the nightclub debutante, he said he felt what had happened had plumbed new depths even for Weymouth and he chipped in another little nastiness.

It seems that certain nightclubs in Weymouth have "adapted" their toilet cistern tops to prevent them being used as convenient surfaces to chop up cocaine!

With toilets now doubling as drug smorgasbords and young girls viewed as drug customers no wonder recent police operations

have focussed intensely on denting the drug barons' reach.

What can we look forward to next? Perhaps the issue of pre-school pamphlets on legal highs or maybe the introduction of a few £1 or £2 coin-operated "lucky dip" machines dispensing heroin to Hoover up some of that spare pocket money? What we should hope is that this incident stirs officialdom into doing something positive about Weymouth's glaringly obvious drugs problem.



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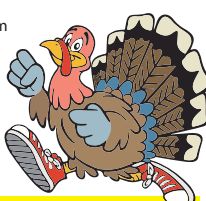
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Holy Trinity Church, DORCHESTER

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Saturday 17 Dec

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Fretworks

Crown Inn, BRIDPORT

The Cadence 9.30pm

Saturday 18 Dec

Corn Exchange, DORCHESTER

Mad Dog Mcrea 8pm

Marine Theatre, LYME REGIS

Andy Williamson and Philip Clouts

8pm. £10.

Andy Williamson's Jazz in the Bar

MULTI-SAX player and vocalist Andy Williamson will appear at Jazz in the Bar at the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Sunday, December 18th. He is known for blowing exceptionally good tunes on the sax and for his repertoire of somewhat risqué old blues songs.

Andy has played with his own bands the Honkin' Hep Cats and Big Buzzard Boogie Band on BBC Radios 2, 3 & 4 and at Buckingham Palace; as a sideman with Tom Robinson and Martha Reeves & the Vandellas; and sung duets with Suggs from Madness (taking the place of the then recently departed Ian Dury).

He created 'Plainsong For the Planet' to provide a non-liturgical way for anyone to perform Gregorian Chant, and set up the Jazz Activists – a loose group of musicians who perform at political demonstrations around liberty and the destruction of our ecosystem. He also devised a course with Junior Laniyan on Jazz structure and Improvisation for Tap Dancers.

In 2010, Andy joined the Denbone Walkers, with guitarist Denny Ilett, celebrating the centenary of T-Bone Walker. He also co-founded 'The Organ Grinders' with keyboard player Maff Potts (after Maff donated one of his kidneys to Andy in 2007), with the aim of encouraging more people to join the UK Organ Donor Register. Andy also performs regularly with poet Matt Harvey, recently taking the Bridport Literary Festival by storm.

Andy has performed ambitious works with large ensembles at the Bristol Jazz festival; a while ago it was Duke Ellington's Sacred Concert, and this year the Gershwin Spectacular, a jazz oratorio featuring vocalist Jacqui Dankworth.

His versatile style on saxophones (alto, tenor and baritone) and voice creates an interesting, eclectic and highly enjoyable performance,



Andy Williamson and Philip Clouts

which will be complemented by Philip Clouts at the piano.

Andy Williamson and Philip Clouts play at Jazz In The bar on Sunday, December 18th at the Ma-

rine Theatre, Church Street from 8pm. Tickets are £10, available from the Box Office by calling 01297 442138 or online at www.marinetheatre.com

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Joyous Joglaresa

THE ENCHANTING Joglaresa will be performing a festive concert at Holy Trinity Church on Friday, December 16th. This female vocal group will be performing nowells, wassails and Christmas lullabies, accompanying themselves on fidel, harp, bells, bagpipes and percussion.

The ensemble have been playing together since 1992, now well-established, they are known for their imaginative interpretation of early music.

The combination of their differing upbringings in traditional Irish, English, Maghrebi, Balkan and Middle Eastern music has influenced their work which focuses on connecting ancient and traditional music to create a 'fusion' of these styles to

create a homogenous sound. Several members of the group have spent years in North Africa and the Middle East absorbing the best traditional tunes, learning the local languages (Arabic and Hebrew). Joglaresa have performed at many prestigious venues and festivals, including the Aldeburgh Festival, York Early Music Festival, the Queen Elizabeth Hall (London) and numerous radio broadcasts - the world over...

This Christmas performance promises to be a truly memorable and festive occasion not to be missed.

Tickets are £14, £12 for members and concessions, available from www.dorchesterarts.org.uk, or by calling 01305 266926.

Weymouth Choral Society's Christmas concert

WEYMOUTH Choral Society is proud to present its annual Christmas concert, to be held at St John's Church, Weymouth on Saturday, December 17th.

The Society is especially thrilled to be joined once again by the Dorset Sinfonia who will provide full accompaniment to a packed programme of seasonal items and give us several holiday treats with trips to the cinema ('Pirates of the Caribbean'), opera ('Toreador's Song') and the theatre ('Nocturne from 'A Midsummer Night's Dream').

As well as the traditional congregational carols, other choral items include favourites by John Rutter, Handel's wonderful 'Hallelujah Chorus' and the atmospheric 'Shepherd's Farewell' by Berlioz. The programme promises an evening of great variety and different musical styles as we share with you the contemplative and celebratory aspects of the Christmas season.

Join Weymouth Choral Society and The Dorset Sinfonia for what promises to be a large and satisfying helping of Christmas fare!

The concert starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10.00 (and free to under 16s)

available from: Harmony Music, Dorchester, Weymouth Pavilion, Phone 07712 135150, from members, via the website www.weymouthchoralsociety.org.uk or at the door.

West Gallery Carols for Winter

WITH THEIR roots in the South Dorset Ridgeway, and inspired by the rich sources of locally collected folk songs and West Gallery carols, The Ridgeway Singers and Band led by Tim Laycock and Phil Humphries have once again tuned their fiddles and voices to present a joyous celebration of Christmas past and present this winter.

Sung by village choirs in English country churches from the 18th century onwards, West Gallery music's demise was brought about by the innovations of the organ and harmonium, and the accompanying musicians who played the fiddle, the cello and the serpent

might have been no more than a footnote in history, if it hadn't been for this style of popular music being recorded by writers such as Thomas Hardy, the traditional music he knew as a boy, and the wonderful stories and poems in which he evoked the singers and musicians who performed it.

This seasonal programme will include 'Hark Hark', a West Gallery carol from Hinton St Mary, a Was-sail collected by Thomas Hardy in Melbury Osmund, and a new song 'In Praise of Apples' by choir member Anna Everleigh. With the atmospheric 'Green Man Song' and some sparkling instrumental

pieces and midwinter stories, plus a few Ridgeway favourites, expect a great seasonal celebration of all things Dorset.

The Ridgeway Singers perform at St Nicholas Church, Abbotsbury on Sunday, December 18th at 3pm. For more details call 01305 871532.



The Ridgeway Singers

Mad Dog barks again!

FOLLOWING a sold out show last year, Mad Dog Mcree return to Dorchester Arts with their unique blend of folk rock, pop, gypsy jazz and bluegrass on Sunday, December 18th.

Their self-penned songs of adventure, drinking, love and life, to traditional songs of gypsies, fairies, legless pirates and black flies – Mad Dog never fail to capture their audience with their infectious songs. In recent years they have built on their reputation of a cult west-country festival act and are now

viewed by music fans and the media as a serious and acclaimed recording artists too. Their new album ALMOST HOME, produced by Sean Lake-man, is an album fuelled with the energy and antics that the band have become known for.

They are known for touring in what is affectionately known as the 'Purple Happy Bus'. So make sure you don't miss this band when the bus stops in Dorchester this December!

"This is music that transcends the run-of-the-mill Irish

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"It's always a joy to me when something jumps up and smacks you between the eyes – Mad Dog Mcree did that to me" – BBC Radio 2 Mike Harding

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Steve and Wendy Gardner have been running the free house for nearly 12 years and have recently overseen **"THE HUB OF THE COMMUNITY"**

improvements to the premises, which are beloved by both locals and visitors alike. The bar has had an overhaul, with

the stairs relocated to make a more comfortable open area in which to soak up the affable ambience, while the popular pool room on the ground floor has been modernised and made to feel more cosy. The addition of some plush soft furnishings in the top bar completes the warm and tranquil feel, ready for an abundance of festive events for guests to enjoy.

On the 17th December the pub will play host to a Christmas Jumper and Onsie party at 7:30pm, followed a few days later by a Mr and Mrs Quiz on the 23rd December at 8:30pm, which includes Spirit of Christmas 2 for 1 cocktails. There's a Christmas draw on the 24th December, a sports quiz on 29th at 8pm and a 'Posh as

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Over the years the locals have enjoyed many great days out. The pub organises an annual race day at Exeter racecourse for the

Haldon Gold Cup, a golf society day, regular brewery trips to Otter Brewery, days out at the rugby and the football (including having been both changing room and match ball sponsors at Newcastle United), and the ladies very much enjoyed a trip to Blackpool!

The Talbot Arms also sponsor the Uplyme Football Club reserve team, and have three darts teams, two pool teams and a cricket team. They are also very happy to support the local village school and church, as well as all the events in the village including the village fete, the horticultural show, and they even hosted a River Cottage Sports Day!



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Community Orchestra's free Christmas music and songs

THE West Dorset Community Orchestra will be holding a free concert of festive music at St John's West Bay on Wednesday, December 14th starting at 7.30 pm. A group of singers from the Local Vocals will also be featured.

This concert will include a variety of music and of course to get you in the spirit of Christmas there will be traditional carols and popular seasonal favourites. It should be a great evening for instruments and voices so come and join us and get into the spirit of Christmas.

There will be a raffle, and refreshments available and a retiring collection.

Conductor Walter Brewster said "Our orchestra was set up to encourage local people of all abilities to play in a fun environment. We perform two concerts a year at local venues and for this concert we're pleased to be joined by the 'Local Vocals'."

West Dorset Community Orchestra is based in Bridport and plays mainly classical and light music pieces. We rehearse every Wednesday in term time at 6.30p.m. to 7.30 p.m., at the Christian Fellowship Hall, East Street, Bridport (at rear of car park) from 6.30 - 7.30 pm. New members are always welcome.

For more information contact Walter Brewster by email walter@westdorsetmusic.org.uk or phone 07967 117012.

Choir supports Samaritans

POPULAR Dorset choir, the Local Vocals, have chosen the Samaritans as their Christmas charity this year. The choir will be busking on their behalf in Dorchester on Tuesday, December 13th.

Choir Leader Lesley Whatley said: "we are thrilled to be raising money for the Samaritans this Christmas. They are always there for people to turn to, especially at this time of year when many people feel very alone and isolated and aren't able to share the general Christmas cheer".

All are welcome to come along and join in with a programme of seasonal songs performed by the choir. Look and listen out for the Local Vocals in South Street pedestrianised area, Dorchester between 12.30pm and 2.30pm on Tuesday, December 13th.

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MARTINSTOWN: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 426390.

LYME REGIS: Indoor Bowls. Have a go, good fun. 7.15, 9.45pm. £1.60. Tea and biscuits. At Woodmead Halls.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 8TH

DORCHESTER: Thursday Group meeting at St George's Church Hall. Afternoon of Carols, Mince Pies, Songs of the 40s, 50s and 60s, accompanied by Evelyn Kingman, plus a Quiz. Starting 2.15pm, and the charge is £1, which includes a mince pie and a cup of tea/coffee. All are welcome. For more details call 01305 269834.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 9TH

MARTINSTOWN: Exercise to Music. Martinstown Village Hall. 10am. For more details call 01308 426390.

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AXMINSTER: Axminster Country Dancing every Friday, 2-4pm, admission £2.10 including tea and biscuits. For more details call 01297 34326.

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club Christmas Lunch at Hunter's Lodge, Raymond's Hill.

PRESTON: The Watkins and Swarbrick Band at Preston Village Hall doors 7.30pm, music 8pm. Pay-what-you-like at the end of the show. Seat reservations essential 01305 837299.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 10TH

WEYMOUTH: The Wey Valley Recreational Gymnastics Club will continue to run every Saturday until December 17th 2016 from 10.30am to 1.00pm. The Club provides Gymnastic skills & techniques for children aged from 5 to 14 years of age. For further details contact the Club secretary, Don J Whistance, on either 0785924638 / don.whistance@icloud.com / or Facebook via 'The Weymouth And Portland Recreational Gymnastics Club'

HAWKCHURCH: Christmas Fayre at Hawkchurch Village Hall at 2pm. Adults £1, Children free. Stalls selling Christmas goodies, refreshments and an appearance from Santa. All welcome. The hall postcode is EX13 5XD. For queries please contact Ruth 01297 678354

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Choral Christmas Concert. Schubert 'Magnificat' and Buxtehude 'Das neugeborne Kindelein'. Carols for choir and audience. At St Michael's Church, 4pm. Tickets £15 on the door, or £13 in advance from TIC or Penny Black Cafe. Under 19s free. Prices include a post-concert buffet. Concert is dedicated to the late Sir Neville Marriner.

UPLYME: Christmas Coffee Morning at Uplyme Village Hall. 10 am - 12 noon. Coffee/Tea, Mince pie/Cake. Various stalls. Info, tel 01297 445110

LYME REGIS: Local crafts & collectables at the Baptist Church Hall. From 10am. Free admission. Well behaved dogs on leads welcome. Supporting FORCE Cancer Charity.

CHARMOUTH: Coffee Morning in aid of Charmouth Senior citizens Christmas Lunch Fund. To be held at The Charmouth Village Hall, Wesley Close, Charmouth at 10.30am until 12.

BRIDPORT: Christmas Greetings from Bridport Choral Society, 7.30pm at Bridport United Church. Tickets £8, under 16s £4 (price includes a soft drink and mince pie). Available from Bridport Music and at the door.

SUNDAY DECEMBER 11TH

BRIDPORT: Wessex Military Band, winter concert - Bridport Arts Centre 3 p.m. Tickets £9.00 & £7.00 concessions from the box office on 01308 424204.

BRIDPORT: New Elizabethan Singers will perform their annual Christmas Concert in St Swithun's Church, North Allington. Joined by the children from West Coker CofE Primary School for Christmas music, readings and carols with the congregation. Retiring collection, raffle, and refreshments, admission free. Concert starts at 3pm. All welcome. For more details call 07528 105977.

MONDAY DECEMBER 12TH

BURTON BRADSTOCK: Biodanza at Othona. Express, connect, relax. Dance like no one's watching, no steps to

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BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. VI Hall, North Street. 5.45pm. For more details call 01308 426390.

TUESDAY DECEMBER 13TH

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Chair-based Exercise. VI Hall, George Street. 10.15am. For more details call 01308 426390.

LYME REGIS: The future of health and care provision in Dorset. Public open meeting, hosted by LymeForward, to hear about the proposals for change by the Clinical Commissioning Group, currently out for consultation until 28th February. Presentation and discussion led by Dr Forbes Watson, local GP and Chair of the CCG. 7.00pm, Woodmead Halls. Free admission.

LYME REGIS: The Lyme Regis Society will be hosting a talk by Julian Shaw entitled 'The Lyme Regis Brewery at the Town Mill', 2.30 pm at Woodmead Halls. All Welcome.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 14TH

WEST BAY, NEAR BRIDPORT: Christmas concert in St John's Church. West Bay at 7.30pm. by West Dorset Community Orchestra, conductor Walter Brewster, and Local Vocals, director Lesley Whatley. Carols for the audience. Wine and mince pies will be served during the interval. A raffle and a retiring collection.

MARTINSTOWN: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 426390.

LYME REGIS: Indoor Bowls. Have a go, good fun. 7.15, 9.45pm. £1.60. Tea and biscuits. At Woodmead Halls.

DORCHESTER: Dorchester Community Church in Acland Road holding a special Christmas coffee pop in. Do come along and enjoy Christmas festivities and a very warm welcome. Anytime between 9.30am and 12noon.

DORCHESTER: Classic Christmas film 'It's a Wonderful Life' showing at Evergreens Cinema at Age UK Dorchester. Cinema lights will dim at 1.45pm, tea and biscuits served for £1.50, ice creams also available. Everyone welcome. For more details call 01305 269444.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 16TH

MARTINSTOWN: Exercise to Music. Martinstown Village Hall. 10am. For more details call 01308 426390.

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. VI Hall, George Street. 3pm. For more details call 01308 426390.

AXMINSTER: Axminster Country Dancing every Friday, 2-4pm, admission £2.10 including tea and biscuits. For more details call 01297 34326.

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club Christmas Party at Woodmead Halls, 7.30pm.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 17TH

WEYMOUTH: The Wey Valley Recreational Gymnastics Club from 10.30am to 1.00pm. The Club provides Gymnastic skills & techniques for children aged from 5 to 14 years of age. For further details contact the Club secretary, Don J Whistance, on either 0785924638 / don.whistance@icloud.com / or Facebook via 'The Weymouth And Portland Recreational Gymnastics Club'

WEYMOUTH: Weymouth Choral Society annual Christmas Concert, to be held at St John's Church. The society will be joined by Dorset Sinfonia. Concert starts 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 (under 16s free), available from Harmony Music (Dorchester), Weymouth Pavilion, by calling 07712 135150, weymouthchoralsociety.org.uk, or at the door.

WHITCHURCH CANONICORUM: The Watkins and Swarbrick Band play at Whitchurch Canonicorum Village Hall, doors 7.30pm, music 8pm. Pay what you like at the end of the show. Seat reservations essential 01305 837299

SUNDAY DECEMBER 18TH

WEST BAY, BRIDPORT: The RNLI annual Christmas & Songs will take place at the George Hotel, West Bay, courtesy of Christophe Dupuy, at 7pm for 7.30pm. This very popular event will be led by members of the Bridport-based folk band, 'Acoustic Rooster'. Complementary Mince Pies and a Christmas Raffle will add to the festive fun. Early arrival is advised.

ABBOTSBURY: West Gallery Carol Concert by The Ridgeway Singers and Band, led by Phil Humphries and Tim Laycock at St Nicholas Church, 3pm. Hosted by The Friends of St Nicholas. Tickets £7, £6 u18s, £24 family (2+2) or the door or in advance by calling 01305 871532 (9am-6pm, cash or cheque). Mulled wine, soft drinks and mince pies included. Limited space - early booking advised.

MONDAY DECEMBER 19TH

BRIDPORT: Exercise to Music. VI Hall, North Street. 5.45pm. For more details call 01308 426390.

BRIDPORT: The Galley (formerly Beach & Barnicott) are offering a subsidised Christmas lunch for anyone seeking some festive cheer and companionship over this period. Open to all ages, singles or couples. Tickets are £9.50 for a Christmas lunch with optional pudding extra. Booking essential; call 01308 455688.

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My fear of missing out when there's so many shows to see

I'VE recently been introduced, by my younger colleagues, to an acronym, which often applies to my life; FOMO (fear of missing out) is something that becomes a weekly sensation when you spend half your time in one place and half in another.

I get invited to far more exciting things than I could possibly ever fit in and I often have to miss out on the capital started simply because I don't

have the time in my schedule.

I also get FOMO when I'm in London and the gang from the office in Lyme Regis is out having fun, while I'm alone in the cold grey city (get your violins out; there really is no pleasing me). Occasionally, however, I manage to fit in everything I want and need to do, without any clashes, any worries about letting people down or any FOMO and this week looked like it was going to be one of those glorious weeks. My week in the capital started wonderfully by watch-

ing another beautiful performance of one of my favourite musicals, Side Show at Southwark Playhouse. This theatre is great if you want to see some good shows, near to Waterloo and at a very reasonable price (£25). There are a few similar 'Off West End' venues including the St. James Theatre at Victoria (which has just been bought by Andrew Lloyd Webber and will soon change its name to The Other Palace due to its proximity to Buckingham Palace), Park Theatre (a little further out, up at Finsbury Park) and

the Menier Chocolate Factory, where they often test out big shows before they are transferred to the West End, so it's an affordable way to see some great stuff.

I then rushed out to South East London for my first Christmas show, which was in a pub theatre in Penge and starred Olivier award winner George Maguire (Sunny Afternoon) and Britain's got Talent favourite Rachael Wooding.

Alas it was not to be, however, as when I arrived there was another freelance journalist who writes for our papers also there, so I had to leave. I did get to hang out with the current Green Witch in Wicked (Rachel Tucker) who runs the theatre with her husband but I was definitely left with FOMO. It did mean I got an early night and when the alarm went off at 4:30am the next morning I was grateful for the extra hours in bed.

I was invited to a sober Disco on the ice rink at Somerset House at 6am and by jingo it was cold, but it was also such a great time of day to see the city. The event was wonderful and I escaped with all of my limbs and most of my dignity in tact.

After doing a bit of work (yes, I do have to do some) I popped in to see the brand new musical Dreamgirls at the Savoy Theatre. As it's still in previews, I'm not allowed to tell you my opinion on it yet (press are embarrassed until the official opening night), but it

(although I think the boss has other plans!). They were presenting my favourite panto Cinderella and did a great job (you can read my review at viewnews.co.uk).

Next week I'll be off down to Exeter to review Peter Pan for Broadway World, before I venture to London to see Jest End (a clever mickey take of all the big West End shows), She Loves Me at the Menier Chocolate Factory (starring Scarlett Strallen and Les Dennis) before I officially attend a press performance of Dreamgirls at the Savoy Theatre (I wonder if I'll like it?). No FOMO for me next week!

You can read all of my reviews and interviews on our websites london-newsonline.co.uk and viewnews.co.uk or you can follow me on Twitter for regular updates @Nicky Sweetland



The Sober Disco ice event at Somerset House which I had to attend at six in the morning



Hollywood actor Ed Harris in Buried Child at the Trafalgar Studios

was a great way to get out of the cold and the front row ticket (from the TodayTix lottery) was only £15.

People often ask me how to get cheap tickets for shows and my best advice is to shop around. Many of the shows do day seats (where you queue up at the box office on the day you want to go) and lotteries, which enable you to get great seats for a fraction of the usual price. My other tip is to go in January, as there are always fabu-

lous offers on tickets after the New Year and Official London Theatre run their Get into London Theatre campaign with lots of great deals.

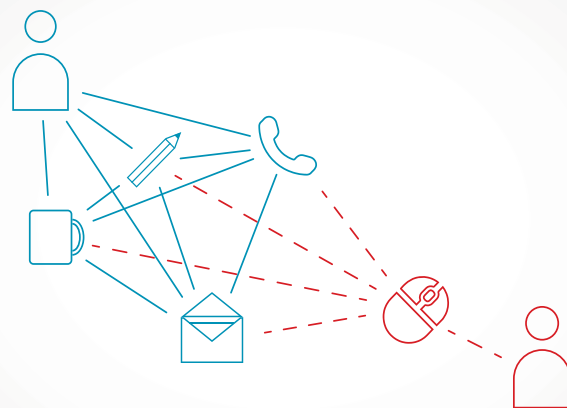
I also attended the glitzy launch of the What's On Stage awards, where I got to mingle with many of the stars of the West End including Tamsin Outhwaite, Kerry Ellis and the casts of all of the big West End shows. The nominations were announced with Dreamgirls and

Harry Potter and the Cursed Child leading the field. Following a public vote the winners will be given their awards at a dazzling ceremony in February.

It turned out to be a celebrity filled day, as I then went to the press night of Buried Child, which stars famed Hollywood actor Ed Harris. It is a very well acted but baffling play and I'm not entirely sure what happened in the end. The highlight of the evening for me was

sitting next to Josh Gad, who voiced Olaf the snowman in Disney's Frozen. I managed to resist the urge to ask him for a warm hug and when he asked me which bits of the UK he should see while he's here, I obviously told him he should come down to the South West (I actually invited him to the Great Lyme Regis Christmas Pudding Race, but he looked very confused when I tried to explain its concept!).

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Tom and Suzi hit the road

TOM ALLEN and Suzi Ruffell bring their double-header tour to Bridport Arts Centre this Saturday, December 10th

TOM ALLEN: INDEED

WHAT A YEAR it's been for Tom Allen - the sharply dressed, well-spoken, disparagingly camp son of working class Bromley. He's been hilarious as a regular on: BBC1's The Great British Bake Off: An Extra Slice and Live At The Apollo for the first time, C4's 8 Out Of 10 Cats Does Countdown, four times, and the C4 Comedy Gala at the O2. He also recently co-presented the legendary Radio 4 show Loose Ends and Absolute Radio's Geoff Lloyd Show. Everyone wants a slice of him these days. However, he has managed to fit in a run of his total sell-out and highly acclaimed Edinburgh show Indeed, at Soho Theatre from Monday 28 November - Saturday, December 3rd.

Indeed sees Tom explain why he's occasionally

disgusted with modern life yet delighted with its eccentricities. He expands his deliciously detailed yet trivial storytelling as he takes his audience into the depths of his experience of suburbia and his life at home with his parents.

Describing his tales with Dickensian relish, Tom has an ear for the mundane and the bizarre turns of phrase that reveal so much. He loves to share the aspirations and frustrations of the people he meets - all told in his inimitable, lovingly snobbish way. Tom takes you to the furthest outreaches of his experience as the posh haughty gay striving for the exquisite but is constantly held back in a world full of ordinary.

Is this really all there is? Couldn't things be just ever so slightly better?

SUZI RUFFELL: COMMON

SUZI RUFFELL is common. Wanna make something of it? She grew up with crackpot schemes, fireworks off the back of a lorry and some questionable slang; she has an incredible and sometimes shocking story to share. What happens when you are shoved into a corner with no trust fund, education or plan b?

Come on, pour yourself a vodka, pop on your leopard print and explore what it is to be working class today, in this hysterical, hot new show.

Suzi is one of the most popular up and coming acts on the UK comedy scene, in constant demand in theatres and clubs across the country, last year she did a double-header tour with Romesh Ranganathan, she is Alan Carr's official tour support, and will be supporting Josh Widdicombe again this Autumn.

Tom Allen and Suzi Ruffell perform at Bridport Arts Centre on Saturday, December 10th. Tickets are £10, available from www.bridport-arts.com or by calling 01308 424204.



A Christmas Carol

Living Spit are back to start your Christmas with a zing!

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Finney? Alistair Sim? Patrick Stewart?

Well, just hold your horses there, Sir/Madam! Because you've yet to witness the actor Howard Coggins's unique take on the eponymous anti-hero of Dickens' festive masterpiece.

Like a coiled spring he waits in the wings, ready to take up the mantle and give the performance of his career as the mean miserabilist, Ebenezer Scrooge. And he's brought Stu Mcloughlin along for the ride to dress up, sing, dance and generally act like a complete idiot whilst playing ALL the other parts.

With silly songs, pitiful puppetry and more Dickensian daftness than you can shake a selection box at, Living Spit's Christmas Carol promises to be a feast of festive foolery that you will never forget.

"This is a Christmas tradition with an edge. Packed full of jokes, songs and timely social commentary" - Lisa Wilcock, Bridport Arts Centre Marketing Manager.

Living Spit bring their adaptation of A Christmas Carol to Bridport Arts Centre this Thursday, December 8th at 8pm. Tickets are available online at www.bridport-arts.com or by calling 01308 424204.

The show also comes to the Dorchester Arts this Friday, December 9th (www.dorchesterarts.org.uk / 01305 266926) and the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Saturday, December 10th at 8pm (www.marinetheatre.com / 01297 442138).



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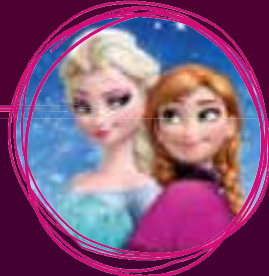


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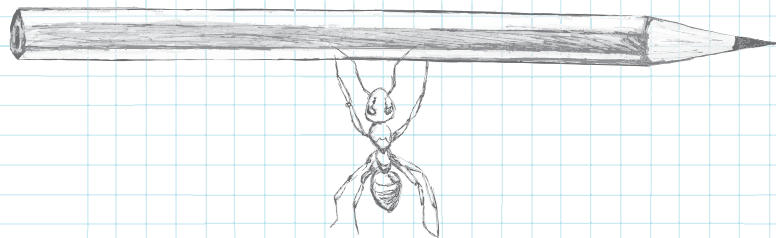
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Deckchair hire	Front Beach, Marine Parade, public gardens
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Non-motorised watersports	Front Beach, Monmouth Beach

The council will consider offers for a one-year or three-year tender, but offers should be made separately.

The concession for non-motorised watersports is for the 2017 season only.

Tender forms and conditions of operation can be obtained from the council offices or downloaded from the website www.lymeregistowncouncil.gov.uk

Tenders must be returned by 12 noon on Friday 6 January 2017 in a sealed envelope marked with the relevant concession, specifying the length of the tender.

The council reserves the right to accept or reject any tender.

**Council Offices, Guildhall Cottage, Church Street,
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ASK HILLARY - JUSTIN LOWE PARTNER OF GREENSLADE TAYLOR HUNT LOOKS AT SOME FAST CHANGING ATTITUDES IN THE PROPERTY MARKET.

The presidential election result in America reminded us – if we needed any reminding – that we live in a time of massive immediate and fundamental change. A point not lost on us here in the UK after Brexit. In the property industry even Budget tax changes can alter buying and selling habits overnight. But there is a more gradual, yet no less significant change going on in our country which is having a significant effect on our attitude to property.

The baby boomers are finally making way for the millennials – Generation X to Generation Y. The digital generation is becoming the increasingly dominant force in the property market. And that will only gather pace in the years ahead. But this new group does not think or act like the old one.

The baby boomers could be relied upon incrementally to develop their parents' ideas. This new generation have their own thoughts entirely. For income and social reasons they are generally older when they buy property for the first time. They are far happier to rent than their parents were. They are not so keen to take on older, larger properties and are more reluctant than the last generation to repair, renovate and re-model. DIY is not regarded as a recreation and leisure time pursuit for the younger generation. Millennials often prefer more compact homes built in thermally efficient and ecologically agreeable materials. They want to control the heat, security, lighting and garden irrigation from a beach in Thailand. Sometimes they prefer a holiday in Thailand to buying a property in the first place – a point of view their parents would never understand.

Millenials often tend to favour new homes over old ones – if they have the choice. Those baby boomers who are in the market now are planning retirement, and often prefer urban locations so they can be close to amenities such as shops, entertainment, transport and health services. Older rural properties remain in high demand but some changes may be required to maximise their value with younger or retirement buyers in mind. At Greenslade Taylor Hunt we understand this and will be able to recommend the right course of action.

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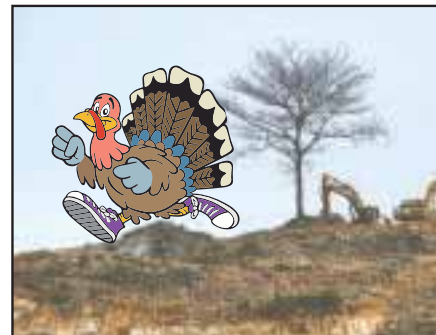


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Next generation Ford Fiesta delivers four distinctive personalities



FORD today revealed the next generation Ford Fiesta – the world's most technologically advanced small car – at a special Go Further event in Cologne, Germany.

The next generation Fiesta is unveiled with the most sophisticated range of driver assistance technologies and connectivity features ever in a volume small car in Europe, as part of the most comprehensive and versatile line-up of variants in 40 years of Fiesta history.

Ford revealed four distinctive production variants of the Fiesta, including the stylish Fiesta Titanium, the Ford Performance-inspired Fiesta ST-Line, the upscale Fiesta Vignale and the Fiesta Active crossover – the first in a new line-up of Active vehicles to be rolled out across the Ford range in years to come.

Three- and five-door Fiesta

variants will deliver superior quality and refinement; feature a stylish new exterior and revolutionary interior design with more personalisation options than ever before. Ford has also further enhanced the compelling fun to drive character that has helped make Fiesta the best-selling car in Britain every year since 2008.

"It's because we share our customers' passion for Fiesta that we've been able to take this iconic small car's lovable, fun and sporty-to-drive character to the next level, with a greater choice of models than ever and each with a distinctive personality," said Jim Farley, executive vice president and president, Europe Middle East and Africa, Ford Motor Company. "We now have a Fiesta option for every driver, including the luxurious Fiesta Vignale and the Fiesta Active

crossover, with advanced technologies and features that small-car customers could only have dreamed of just a few years ago."

Among a class-leading range of Fiesta driver assistance features – supported by sensor technologies capable of monitoring up to 130 metres ahead – is an enhanced Pedestrian Detection system that for the first time can help prevent collisions at night; and the first Ford Active Park Assist system that can deliver brake interventions to prevent low-speed bumps when parking hands-free.

Fiesta is also the first Ford vehicle to feature a premium B&O PLAY Sound System, and for the first time offers an openable panoramic glass roof. The Fiesta's sophisticated SYNC 3 communications and entertainment system is supported by floating high-definition touch-

screens up to 8 inches in size, and a spacious and ergonomic interior features an almost 50 per cent reduction in centre console buttons for a more intuitive environment.

Cutting-edge powertrains include Ford's multi-award winning 1.0-litre EcoBoost petrol engine offering up to 140PS, and a 1.5-litre TDCi diesel offering 120PS – the first high-power diesel Fiesta powertrain. Ford anticipates CO2 emissions from 82g/km, supported by an all-new six-speed transmission with innovative friction reduction technologies.



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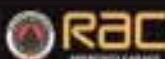
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AS THE cold winter weather starts to bite, SsangYong is introducing a 4x4 winter upgrade offer on its 1.6 litre turbo diesel Tivoli SUV and extended bodied Tivoli XLV models. The offer applies to current EX and ELX models, manual and automatic, and registered before January 31st 2017.

Comprehensively equipped, the Tivoli EX 4x4 features cruise control, smart steering (normal, comfort and sport modes), an RDS/Bluetooth radio and seven airbags, grey or beige leather upholstery, 18" alloy Spiral wheels, dual zone climate control, 7" touch screen smart audio system with rear view camera, heated front seats, front fog lights and a luggage load cover.

The top of the range ELX 4x4 adds the choice of manual and automatic transmission, and features Diamond cut alloy wheels, a smart instrument cluster, smart keyless starting, front & rear parking sensors, privacy glass, rear spoiler, automatic headlamps, rain sensing wipers, full TomTom navigation system with 7" touch screen, rear view camera, and the option of the styling pack and red leather pack with My Tivoli.

Sharing the same platform and 2,600mm wheelbase as the Tivoli, the Tivoli XLV SUV estate features a lengthened body from behind the C pillar, an increase of 238mm over the standard car, expanding the load capacity to

a huge 720 cubic litres of space.

Four-wheel drive performance

The SsangYong Tivoli 4x4 employs an intelligent and advanced all-wheel drive torque on demand system that senses the road surface and driving conditions, and distributes the power to the wheels that need it most.

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The Tivoli 4x4 also features multi-link rear suspension for a comfortable drive on the road, and increased wheel articulation for optimum grip off-road.



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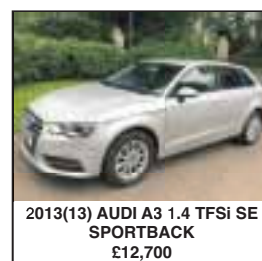
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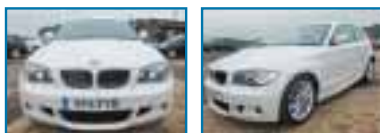
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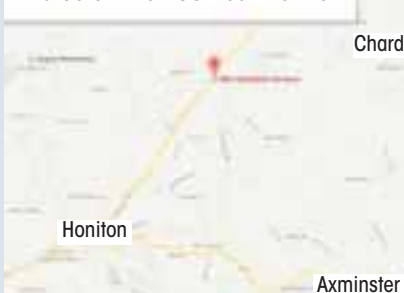
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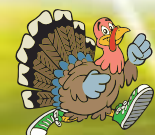
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As they stand

Dorset Football

Terras suffer the highs and lows

THERE was elation last Tuesday when Weymouth defeated local rivals Poole Town to progress to the first round proper of the FA Trophy where they will once again meet higher ranked opposition in Whitehawk.

However, they were brought down to earth on Saturday when they were held by Kings Langley in the Evo-Stik Southern Premier League, a game manager Jason Matthews expected to win.

Terras tame Dolphins

WEYMOUTH 2 POOLE TOWN 0
FA Trophy qualifying – att; 441

HAVING been denied victory in the first game by a last minute equaliser, Weymouth ensured their place in this FA Trophy replay with a goal in each half against their National League South opponents.

Poole might have taken a early lead had Sam Surridge made better of sloppy play by the hosts, but through on goal he blasted his shot over the top. Marvin Brooks then went close with a shot as Poole looked to take early advantage of the slow starting Terras.

However with their first real threat on goal the hosts took the lead on 22 minutes when the ball was fed to Chris Shephard who found the far corner of the net.

Dead ball specialist Steve Devlin almost put the Dolphins level ten minutes later but his free kick awarded following a foul by Dean Evans saw his curling shot clip the outside of the upright.

Looking to get back in the game, Luke Roberts was introduced at half-time in an effort to beef up their attack, but it was Stuart Fleetwood who had the first chance for the Terras, but he completely miscued, whilst Jason Matthews had to be quick off the mark to stop Luke Burbidge getting in his shot.

Weymouth doubled their lead on 63 minutes when Jordan Copp produced a scintillating run down the left, and although Nick Hutchings parried his shot, Fleetwood was on hand to tap the loose ball home.

Dan Thomas almost immediately replaced Matthews who was struggling with an arm injury, and was quickly in action getting down to block a shot as Poole reacted to the situation.

However, Shephard had two chances to add a third, whilst the best the Dolphins could muster was a late Jamie Whiskin shot that missed the far post.

So once again the Terras have seen off higher opposition, but they still have a lot of work to do in the league where their form is at best patchy.

Thomas off as Terras stall

KINGS LANGLEY 1 WEYMOUTH 1
Evo-Stik South Premier – att; 128

WHILST Weymouth appear to be able to lift their game in cup competitions, their league form remains inconsistent, and although they had keeper Dan Thomas sent off just before the break, manager Jason Matthews viewed it as two points lost.

Newly promoted Kings sit just above the Terras but having played four games more, and the Terras boss had pencilled this in for a win in a bid to help lift them out of trouble.

However, despite taking the lead through a dubious penalty awarded as

Chris Shephard was sandwiched by two defenders as he cut in from the left wing, Kings found an equaliser past deputy keeper Calvin Brooks on 72 minutes.

Thomas had replaced the injured Matthews between the sticks in the second half of their cup game with Poole, and with no other experienced keeper they travelled to Hertfordshire with no replacement on the bench.

Weymouth dominated the first half hour of the game and home keeper Xavi Comas had to make a reaction save from Jordan Copp before denying Ben Thomson who might have done better after being put through on the keeper.

Kings finally got into the game towards the end of the first half and when Jerry Amoo broke through on the right, he was met by Thomas who rushing out of his area, who brought him down with a two-footed tackle, leaving the referee no option but to red card him.

With no replacement, skipper Calvin Brooks donned the gloves, and made a fine save from the resulting free kick to send the teams in level at the break.

Weymouth took the lead five minutes into the second half when Shephard scored from the penalty spot after the referee deemed he had been impeded by two Kings defenders.

Brooks defied the hosts, although he wasn't unduly troubled until the 72nd minute when Manny Duku was hauled down as he tried to break through just outside the box, and Dean Hitchcock drilled a precise shot through a crowd of players for the equaliser.

The result leaves Weymouth hovering two points above a relegation spot ahead of visits by KING'S LYNN TOWN (last night, Tuesday) and ST IVES TOWN (Saturday, 3pm ko).

Heads win it for Magpies

DORCHESTER TOWN 2 CINDERFORD TOWN 0
Evo-Stik South Premier – att; 149

DORCHESTER Town finally got the win they deserved, and needed, but it took two second half headers to finally break their opponents.

Dorchester went into the game on the back of disappointing losses at Cirencester and Kettering and, having slipped nearer the bottom of the Evo-Stik Southern Premier League, needed to beat The Foresters who are rock bottom having only won three games all season.

If skipper Jake Smeeton had not missed his second consecutive penalty 15 minutes into the game, perhaps it might have settled them, instead it gave the visitors momentum, and although their opportunities were few, they were good ones that could have changed the outcome.

Dorchester started well and Tom Blair saw his goal bound flick deflected by James Bloom after he cut in from the left, before Neil Martin warmed keeper Cameron Clarke's palms on a cold night with a 35 yard shot.

Cinderford's response saw Jaye Bowen line up a 25-yarder at the other end, but he fired wide.

When Blair was cluttered by Callum Mconie inside the box as he collected Martin's cross, it was the ideal opportunity for Smeeton to atone for his miss at Kettering, but his low was too close to Clarke who made the save.

Bowen almost capitalised on Dorchester's disappointment when he raced

down the right but there was no one to finish the move as his cross zipped across the six yard box.

Ben Wood had two chances to open the scoring; the first a 25-yarder that Clarke palmed away, before he might have done better with a header from an Ollie Bassett cross.

Bowen almost caught keeper Shane Murphy out just before the break with a delicious chip that just cleared the crossbar.

Cinderford upped their game at the start of the second half and Gethyn Hill hooked a shot just over the bar, before the Foresters looked certain to make the Magpies pay for not making the most of their opportunities. However they blew their chance.

Smeeton's poor header was picked up by Kearnell Chambers who slipped the ball across the advancing Murphy to Ben Hands six yards from goal.

Unfortunately he failed to control the ball and by the time he got a foot on it he missed the target for what must be one of the worst misses of the season.

Desperate to turn their opportunities into goals, manager Mark Jermyn moved defender Nathan Walker up front to see if he could add to his eight goals this season, and it brought almost instant results.

Bassett once again was the provider, delivering the perfect cross for Walker to produce a looping header over Clarke into the far corner of the net on 63 minutes.

With Cinderford now pressing forward for an equaliser, it needed solid clearing headers from Matt Oldring and Chris Dillon to keep them at bay, and when Murphy dropped a routine catch on the edge of the box, Josh Nelmes couldn't get enough on the ball to make him pay.

Blair might have added Dorchester's second on 74 minutes but lofted Woods' long throw over the top, before they finally found the net again in the 83rd minute.

It came courtesy of another Bassett assist, this time from a corner, with Oldring exploiting Clarke's lack of height with another looping header.

The win eases the pressure on the Magpies, and delighted Jermyn who had described the game as 'A must-win regardless of the performance'.

Below par Blues slip again

PORTLAND UTD 1 WHITCHURCH UTD 1
Sydenhams Wessex League – att; 113

PORTLAND United push for promotion took another blow as they were held to a 1-1 draw by lowly Whitchurch United.

For the third game running they disappointed as they struggled to find the early season sparkle that has seen them take promotion in their stride.

Although they would have settled for a point at Bemerton Heath Harlequins, the Blues were off the boil, and they followed this with another lacklustre display when beaten by Swanage Town & Herston at Grove Corner last Tuesday in the Dorset Senior Cup.

Victory would have seen them move above AFC Portchester into third spot in the Sydenham Wessex League Premier Division, but it took them an hour to break down a defence that had already conceded 58 goals this season, the second worst in the league.

After a goalless first half, Jamie Beasley finally gave Portland the lead on the hour with a delicious free kick

which he bent over the wall into the top corner of the net.

However this didn't seem to motivate the team to push on, and with ten minutes left, Whitchurch grabbed an equaliser.

Ross Carmichael misjudged a long ball over the top and with keeper Sean Lillington caught in no man's land, the Jam Boys Sam Alexander-Floyd lobbed the ball into an empty net.

Finally Portland reacted and furiously attacked the visitors defence. They claimed a penalty when Lewis Clarke appeared to be brought down in a goalmouth melee, and then again for handball as Whitchurch looked to clear their lines from the same incident, but the referee ignored their pleas.

The one bright spot was the return of Sam Buckler almost a year after breaking his leg whilst playing for Bridport. Having played for an hour in the Senior Cup match he filled a place on the bench, but was not called on.

DORSET SENIOR TROPHY

BLANDFORD United pulled off a shock result by beating holders Merley Cobham Sports 2-0 at the Recreation Ground to progress through to the last four.

Joining them in the Semi Finals will be Holt United who travelled to Wareham Rangers and won 3-1. Sherborne Town Res crashed out losing 4-0 to Dorset Senior League side Portland United Res at Raleigh Grove.

DORSET PREMIER LEAGUE

Westland Sports earned a good 3-1 away win at Sturminster Newton while Bridport Reserves also won on the road 4-2 at Cranborne.

Parley Sports welcomed Mere Town and duly won 3-1. Balti Sports beat Gillingham Town Res 4-2 whilst Hamworthy Rec visited Hamworthy Utd Res and came away with a 3-0 win.

Swanage Town & H capped off a perfect week by beating visitors Dorchester Sports 5-3 at Days Park.

SENIOR LEAGUE

JOSH Why netted twice for Chickerell Utd as they beat visitors Corfe Mullen 2-0.

DIVISION ONE

GOALS from Bryn Lewis and Adam Skelton couldn't save Portland Utd Youth as they went down 5-2 on the own turf at the hands of Mere Town Reserves. Meanwhile, Weymouth A won 4-0 away at Parley Sports Reserves.

DIVISION TWO

DAN Pavey and Mikey Hoskins netted for Portesham Utd as they won 2-1 at home in the local derby against Chickerell Reserves. Rob Golsby scored the Chickens' consolation.

DIVISION THREE

PORTLAND Town A hosted Wool Reserves and grabbed all three points with Danny Shepherd (3), Shane McGuire (2) and Ben White on target in a 6-2 win.

DIVISION FOUR

SWANAGE RBL remain top of Division 4 winning 1-0 away at Portland Town B.

Two goals for James Burge saw Marnhull Reserves take all three points from visitors Portesham Reserves winning 2-1.

Rugby

Old Boys too experienced

SWINDON COLLEGE OB 20

WEYMOUTH & PORTLAND 12
THE aptly named Swindon College Old Boys were just too experienced for a young Weymouth & Portland side as they held on to win the final of the Dorset & Wilts Vase at Warminster.

The unbeaten Berks, Bucks & Oxon Premier League leaders stretched their 8-5 interval lead to 20-5 15 minutes into the second half, by holding off a spirited attempted Seaside's fight back in a contest where the scoreline just about reflected the game as a whole.

The Wiltshire outfit took the initiative and pressurised the Seaside's inside their own half, but a committed defence ensured that it took fully 22 minutes before they opened their account with a try in the corner.

Four minutes later the Old Boys added another three points with penalty kick in front of the Seaside's posts.

With halftime beckoning Weymouth & Portland were awarded a penalty 20 metres shy of the Swindon try line, and while others just looked on, flanker Shaun Murphy switched on first, took a tap kick, then raced in for a touchdown.

At 8-5 the outcome was far from decided, but the first 15 minutes of the second period saw Weymouth & Portland drop their guard as they conceded two tries in quick succession, the second converted, to take the Old Boy's tally to twenty points.

With the Seaside's skipper Ryan Lewendon now sidelined after receiving two blows to the head, most teams would have thrown in the towel.

However, Weymouth & Portland raised their game and Lewendon's replacement Jonny Young intercepted a Swindon pass and sprinted in for a touchdown beneath the posts, with Bryn Llewellyn adding the extras.

As the game drew to its close it was the Old Boys experience that allowed them to monopolise possession and run down the clock, and despite a heroic effort against a side of seasoned players the Seaside's went down by eight points.

Experience the key
Head coach Paul Harding said: "The lads grew up today. They came up against a more physical side of experienced premier league players, but I take my hat off to our lads."

"Their scrummaging was sensational, and we were driving the Old Boys off their own ball, and I don't think they were used to that."

"In the end the stronger team won, but the Weymouth & Portland squad can be proud of their players; they all put their bodies on the line."

Lyme Regis Golf Club

Lyme Regis Golfers celebrate at awards evening

ROSIE Jackman won the LADIES DIVISION ONE STABLEFORD with 38 points finishing three ahead of Susan Moore who is running into a bit of good form, while Jenny Scott just lost out on countback to finish 3rd also on 35.

In DIVISION TWO Amy Mudford had the best score of the day with 41 points, as she continued to impress and her handicap starts to fall. Carol Ponchaud finished 2nd with 35 from Kathy Briggs on 34.

The JUNIOR STABLEFORD was won by Mannie Wellman with 40 points crafted from two steady nines of 20 points on each. Ben Prosser and Dominic Beardwood both finished with 35, but former took 2nd on countback.

The club held their presentation evening on Friday when this year's winners were honoured for their achievements. Amongst the array of winners there was a moment of nostalgia as Graham Barton was presented with the Furley Mellor Bowl, by Paul Furley Mellor, the grandson of Edwin Furley Mellor, in whose honour the trophy was given.

Edwin was a keen golfer and excellent sportsman who had the distinction of getting two hat-tricks at cricket, one bowling right arm, and the other with his left!



◆ **HISTORY:** Graham Barton (right) receives the Furley Mellor Trophy from Paul Furley Mellor grandson of the legendary Edwin whose honour the trophy was given in.



◆ **WINNERS:** Pictured left; Alfie Crisp with outgoing Juniors Captain Brad Searle (left). Pictured right; Outgoing Ladies Captain Caroline Baker, Rosie Jackman and Club Secretary Melissa McMahon.
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◆ **WELL DONE:** George Seed, who once again collect several awards, seen here with outgoing Captain John Coley.



Bridport Darts

Division One	Pld	Pts
Rob's Robbers	8	16
BSC	8	13
Nomads	8	11
Five Sticky Fingers	8	9
Well Hung Clocks	7	9
Hands of Time	8	8
Nags Head A	8	4
Noth'n But Treble	8	4
Les Miserables	7	4
Rubber Johns	8	0
180s: Tony Young x5, Nigel Lamb & Terry Prowse x4, Steve Garrett x3, Joe Carter, Mark Munro, Ben Grainger & Ryan Cross all x2, 12 players x1.		

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Young Darters	8	13
Odds or Us	8	12
One for the Vikings	8	11
The Stingers	10	10
Respect-de-Bull	7	8
Elders	8	7
Otter Rotters	8	4
No Direction	7	4
Anchor Five	8	4
Dat Team	7	3
180s: Ashley Parker, Shane Parker, Dan Rawlings, Andy Reid & Stuart Alner all x2, ten players x1.		

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Mis Fits	8	15
Poachers	8	13
Dart Vaders	8	11
The Surgeons	8	10
Midnight Runners	8	7
Tiger Bees	8	6
Royal Hawks	8	6
Anchor Vale Viewers	8	6
Flashes Fives	8	5
Time Bombs	8	1
180s: Paul Gumbrell x2, Len Challis, Ash Hawker, S. Bowditch, P. Rowley, Howard Sellick & Danny Sorrell all x1.		

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Dodgers	7	12
Wicked Team Name	8	12
No Chance	8	11
The Nameless	7	9
Whamo	8	8
-1-11	8	8
Odds & Sods	8	7
Sorted Odds	8	6
Hopeful Bashers	8	6
The Royal Nuts	8	0
180s: Andy Page, T. Bird, Micky Brock, Billy Hallett & Roly Steer all x1.		

Ladies Div One	Pld	Pts
Queens Bees	10	19
Anchor Aces	9	16
Arrows Awry	10	15
Queens of the Club	10	14
Odd One Out	10	13
Sue's Rebels	10	13
Clocking On	10	11
Charlie's Angels	10	8
Castaways	10	7
Against the Odds	10	6
Good Mates	10	6
Don's Damself	10	6
Tiger Stripes	9	3
Drunking Aware	10	3
180s: Janet Collins, Liz Vowells & Kate Loasby both x1.		

Rugby

◆ **KITTED OUT:** The future is looking brighter for Bridport young referee Louis Browne with help from Specsavers. He was recently presented with a refereeing match shirt by Susanna Newall from the Bridport branch of Specsavers.



Swimming

Triumphs at Taunton and Tiverton

SWIMMERS from Chard & District Swimming Club recently competed in the Taunton Deane & Milfield Meet and the Tiverton Sparkler Meet writes Xanthe Dyer.

There were many personal bests and country and regional qualifying times attained at both competitions.

Gold medals were achieved by: Esme Huntley, Grace Haskins, Xanthe Dyer and Grace Lambert, the latter also gaining an amazing total of four Regional Qualifying times over the two weekends.

Swimmers at Taunton Deane & Milfield were: Briana Barrand (12), Millie Downes (12) 2nd in 100m and 200m Breaststroke and 3rd in 50m breaststroke. Xanthe Dyer (11) 1st in 50m breast and 2nd in 100m breast, Esme Huntley (10) 1st in 200m back and 3rd in 50m back, Mia Huntley (12), Grace Lambert (11) 2nd in 50m breast and 3rd in 50 back, Henry Taswell (15) 3rd in 200m back, Catherine Webb (10).

The following weekend, 13 swimmers competed at Tiverton; Harrison Larcombe (9) 2nd in 50m butterfly, Catherine Webb (10) 3rd in the 50m and 200m breast, Esme Huntley (10) 1st in 200m bfly, Kaitlyn Flannigan (10) 2nd in 50m breast and 3rd in 50m and 200m free, Freddie Coles (11) 3rd in 50m and 100m free and 100m breast, Mia Porter (11), Grace Lambert (11) 1st in 100 individual medley, 100m breast and 50m and 100m free, Abbie Herbert (12), Jamie Porter (12) 3rd in 200m back, Oliver Bright (14) 2nd in 200m breast and 3rd in 200m free, Megan Herbert (14), Xanthe Dyer (14) 1st in 100m ind med, 100m breast and 100m bfly and 2nd in 200m breast and 100m free, Grace Haskins (16) 1st in 200m back and 3rd in 200m free.

Congratulations go to Swimmers of the Month; 11-year-old Grace Lambert for gaining a new regional qualifying time in the 50m backstroke, and nine year old Harrison Larcombe for being the boy gaining the most improvement points during the month.

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A view on the Bees

WITH STUART BROOM

Bees survive Crossways scare

CROSSWAYS SPITFIRES 2 BRIDPORT A 3
Dorset League Division Four

ON paper this should have been an easy win for unbeaten Bridport against bottom side Crossways Spitfires who came into the game with just one point from their 10 matches, but with five regulars missing it proved to be anything but on this occasion.

A heavy pitch and long grass made it difficult for both sides, but Bridport with Billy Fleet playing his first game in midfield, created a number of chances which they failed to take. This proved costly as the hosts took the lead with a shot that beat the stranded Bees keeper.

They finally equalised when Jaydon Scadding volleyed home a cross from brother Brandon. Although Tommy Craven's header came back off the crossbar, it was Crossways that were the happier at the interval.

The introduction of Jed Holt at half time into midfield gave Bridport a more physical attacking look, and they took the lead when Jaydon Scadding slotted home a penalty awarded for handball.

This gave Bridport momentum and they took command of the game building from a solid pairing of centre backs James Pitcher and James Legg, and when a shot came back off the post, Holt was on hand to fire home.

This should have been the sign for Bridport to push on for more, but failed to put the game to bed, and after a misunderstanding at the back, Crossways pulled a goal back to make it much closer than it should have been.

Manager Mark Scadding said: "We pushed and probed but it wasn't our day. However we achieved our main objective of three points and hope the team can push on to close the gap on the top two."

Bees win on the road as Hunter bags hat trick

CRANBORNE 2 BRIDPORT RESERVES 4

JOSH Hunter bagged a hat trick to take his season's tally to 14, as Bridport eased past bottom side Cranborne. Josh Hull was the other scorer for Bridport, with Adam Beattie and Adam Long on target for the hosts.

Unfortunately Bees striker Ali Kamara was sent off for two yellow cards, along with Cranborne's Matt Read who received a straight red.

The result takes Bridport's points tally to 20 from 17 games in tenth place in the Dorset Premier League and within striking distance of seventh spot, although the sides above them have games in hand.

Bridport & West Dorset Golf Club

WITH PETER CROWDER

Savage top after impressive par count

IT WAS a cold, breezy Sunday morning for the 60 competitors in the Men's December Medal. But most seemed to cope with the conditions with seven carding nett scores in the 60s.

The best score of the day came from Mike Savage with a fine score of 75-8=67 in Division One. This included 12 pars and a birdie two on the 10th. Barry O'Mahoney came second with a nett 69.

George Brown topped Division Two with a nett 68 with Grant Gerrard coming second after count-back with a nett 69.

The best score in Division Three was also a nett 68 and this was scored by Kieran McAllister with Les Herbert taking the runner-up spot with a nett 69.

Results:

Division One: 1st Mike Savage 75-8=67, 2nd Barry O'Mahoney 79-10=69, 3rd Dave Franks 79-9=70.

Division Two: 1st George Brown 81-13=68, 2nd (acb) Grant Gerrard 83-14=69, 3rd Doug Miners 82-13=69.

Division Three: 1st Keiran McAllister 89-21=68, 2nd Les Herbert 90-21=69, 3rd (acb) Russell Weller 90-19=71.

O'Mahoney and Herbert both received one shot handicap cuts.

Veterans

THE veteran's Christmas Stableford was restricted to 16 holes and temporary greens due to the frosty conditions.

Despite the chill there was a good turnout of 65 players maybe encouraged by the fact that in this festive competition everyone receives a prize, mostly in liquid form.

There was some good, steady scoring but one man stood out from the crowd and that was Roy Gill (13) whose 41 points was three clear of his closest rival Brian Fearon's (12) 38. Dudley Rose (28) was third with 37 followed by Dougie Howells (19) with 36.

Two players scored 35 with Mike McGrady (17) taking 5th place after count-back.

Ladies Section

THE Ladies played 'The Chicken Run' on Saturday and 'The Chicken Chase' on Tuesday the prizes were vouchers from the butchers writes Di Neal.

Saturday's lucky winner was Avril Brown carding a very respectable 34 points and the runner up was Carole Hedley with 30.

On Tuesday the lady who took home 'the bacon' was Pat Baldwin with 33 points, second was Jane White on 31 and the last of the meat vouchers went to Liz Thompson with 29.



◆ **PLUSH:** After a re-organisation in August Bridport & West Dorset Golf Club have created a Golf Administration Centre to cater for all administrative and golfing needs, with a visiting Teaching Professional affiliated to the club. The grand opening took place recently with Peter Ridler, a past Secretary of many years service and his assistant Sandra Rees doing the honours.

Dorch Snooker

Tight at the top

RESULTS; WDC Team Shaky 4 Purbeck Potters 2, Colliton XC 2016 6 Trinity M 3, WDC Whipping Boys 3 WDC YYMFDT 5, Colliton Hopefuls 2 West Dorset Club A 4.

◆ **Corrected result from Week 9: Colliton Hopefuls 2 Trinity M 5.**

Top Breaks: A. Page 28.
Top Break of the Season: Ollie Lewis 53.

Team Open Knock Out Cup - Semi-final draw: Colliton XC 2016 v WD Club A (Mon, Jan 30th at Trinity Club), WDC YYMFDT v Trinity M (Tues, Jan 31st at Colliton Club).

Rearranged matches: WDC YYMFDT v Colliton Hopefuls (Dec 20th), West Dorset Club A v Colliton Hopefuls (Jan 5th).

Table	Pld	Pts
West Dorset Club A	9	40
WDC Team Shaky	10	37
Trinity M	10	37
Colliton XC2016	9	36
Purbeck Potters	10	34
Colliton Hopefuls	7	30
WDC YYMFDT	9	27
WDC Whipping Boys	10	27

Bridport Squash

Bournemouth too strong

Bridport 1st 4
Bournemouth 1st 17
PLAYING against one of the top teams in the Dorset Squash scene, it was always going to be a tough task for Bridport, but what this encounter showed was that you have to be on top of your game and totally committed to get anywhere against teams like Bournemouth writes Roger Lewis.

Captain and coach JASON MARTIN put in a devastating performance against Bournemouth's number one Lee Keeley. From the start he set his stall out by dominating the middle and hitting the ball early. These tactics made it very difficult for Keeley to settle into any sort of game plan and Martin recorded a 9/3, 9/2, 9/4 victory.

PATRICK MCHUGH was up against a great talent in Martin Greenslade. This was always going to be uphill struggle for MCHUGH but he deserves great credit because at times he had Greenslade on his toes, but it was his opponent's display of drop and lob shots which was the deciding factor as he took the win 9/10, 9/0, 10/8, 9/1.

DAN WENTZEL was another player who found

the going tough in his match against Alexis Smith, the difference in class shone through with Smith attacking with the array of shots to win 9/6, 9/6, 9/2.

To play squash at this level you have to show a high degree of commitment, and until Bridport's number four BEN SMITH can show this, his play will never improve. He played second fiddle throughout against Soz Wilson and was soundly beaten 9/7, 9/0, 9/1 - he has the ability but needs to show the commitment.

At five NEESON WOOD was up against Steve O'Neill, who kept the game tight and had Wood running to all corners.

Give Wood, another player whose game will improve by playing at this level, credit as he never stopped trying to compete and in time he will be able to turn these 9/5, 9/4, 9/3 defeats into victories.

Dorset Division One	Pld	Pts
JP Blandford	4	126
Two Riversmeet	5	108
Ferndown	4	106
DORCHESTER	3	79
West Hants	1	65
Bournemouth	2	64
West Hants 2nds	3	57
Canford	4	49
BRIDPORT	3	30

Bridport & District Table Skittles

Division A	Pd	Pts	BL
Jesters	10	38	7
Crown Duels	10	37	6
What's The Odds	9	29	9
Hopeless Anchor	10	29	9
What an Anchor	10	27	7
Fred's Heros	10	25	4
Ria Gunners	10	25	5
Odds Against	10	23	3
No Hoppers	9	17	3
The Devils	10	17	4
Muck Fuddlers	9	14	4
Fishermans Fnds	9	11	2

Division B	Pd	Pts	BL
Consorts	10	36	5
Five Alls	10	30	5
Bell Ends	10	30	4
Baggies Boys	8	28	6
Hit and Hope	10	28	7
Slingers	10	24	8
George Gormets	10	22	6
About Time	10	22	3
Little Nibblers	9	21	6
Mel's Men	9	19	4
Stickups	10	17	1
Has Beens	10	13	3

Lyme Regis Cribbage

Results (November 14th);
New Inn Kilm A 3 Charlie's Angels 2, Nags Head LR 4 Ship Inn LR 1, Stepps 2 Dolphin Beer 3, Talbot Arms 4 Lamb Swans 1, Gerrard Arms 1 Axminster Con Club 4.

Beer League: New Inn Kilm A 2 Charlie's Angels 1, Nags Head LR 2 Ship Inn LR 1, Stepps 3 Dol-

phin Beer 0, Talbot Arms 1 Lamb Swans 2, Gerrard Arms 2 Axminster Con Club 1.

Fixtures (Nov 28th); New Inn Kilm A v Talbot Arms, Nags Head LR v Gerrard Arms, Charlie's Angels v Lamb Swans, Stepps v New Inn Kilm B, Ship Inn LR v Axminster Con Club.

Beer League	Pld	Pts
Nags Head, LR	11	37
Talbot Arms, Uplyme	11	32
Gerrard Arms	11	29
Dolphin, Beer	11	29
Axminster Con Club	11	28
New Inn Kilm A	11	27
Lamb Swans	11	26
Stepps	11	26
Ship Inn, LR	10	16
Gerrard Arms	11	16
Talbot Arms, Uplyme	11	15
Axminster Con Club	11	13
New Inn Kilm A	11	13
Dolphin, Beer	11	12

Bridport Crib

Table	Pd	Pts	BL
Anchor Inn	7	61	11
Durbeyfield	7	61	11
Gorge, WBay	7	49	12
H & Anchor B	7	49	7
Crown Inn B	6	46	8
Oddfellows	7	45	8
Crown Inn A	6	44	9
H & Anchor A	6	44	7
Ilchester Arms	5	36	9

Lyme darts

Current table	Pld	Pts
Rousdon Club	6	12
Nags Head A	6	12
Royal Standard	7	10
Rock Point A	4	8
Four Play	6	7
Clockadoodleoo	4	6
Talbot Arms	5	6
Hunters Lodge	4	3
Nags Z	4	3
Half an Octopus	8	2
Janners	7	2
Cobb Arms	6	1
See you Next Thurs	5	0
180s: B Grainger x2, six players x1.		

Weymouth & District Table Tennis League

It's all to play for at top of Division One

THE top of Division One is congested as Budmouth A used their game in hand to close the gap on non-playing leaders Budmouth B to just three points as they beat Springfield B 30-4.

Park District, who have a game in hand on both now, also moved within striking distance with a just as convincing 30-6 win over YMCA.

Preston B 16-23 defeat at the hands of Shipton Gorge A was closer than the result suggests. Stalwart Miranda Edwardes led Shipton to victory with a maximum and was backed up well by Gil Roberts (3) and Terry Whitworth (8).

Shipton Gorge B extended their lead at the top of **Division Two** after a 24-10 victory over Colliton C 24-10, whilst Pilgrims A closed the gap on their opponents Springfield C in defeating them 26-14. Tim Scott (9) was in imperious form for the Pilgrims and was well supported by Paul Beeson (8).

STEPS continue to dominate **Division Three** and secured their seventh straight win of the season with a 22-16 victory over second placed Springfield D, their first defeat.

Budmouth D remain third after their tight 22-19 win at Wyke C, whilst fourth placed STEPS M picked up their third win of the season in beating



◆ **IN THE MIX:** Budmouth D (l-r) Alex Taylor, Ben Howe & George Ackerley who currently are third in Division Three

Pilgrims B 24-12, to move above them. Wey Valley Tennis Centre defeated the youngsters of Budmouth E 27-8 to gain their second win of the season, as did Wey Valley School with a 21-13 win over Preston D.

Both Jules Holloway and Ethan Bingham scored maximums for Wey Valley, with Lynda Clegg (5) top scored for Preston D, who continue to work hard for their first win of the season.

Full results can be found at www.ttleague.co.uk.

West Dorset Hockey Club

Honest admission condemns Hawks to defeat

Taunton Vale C 1
West Dorset Hawks 0
Southern Division Two

A SPORTING gesture by Hawks skipper Rick Steele just two minutes from time saw West Dorset return home pointless in a game they might have expected to win.

With the Hawks looking to play out time under intense pressure from a strong, young Taunton side, Steele challenged an opponent to a long ball played into the D.

Although the ball flew into the net, the umpire, unsure whether it had come off the Taunton player rather than a stick, signalled no goal.

Whilst the opposition did not contest the decision, Steele in the true meaning of sportsmanship, admitted it had come off his stick and the decision was reversed. It was a pity as a draw would have been a fair result.

Having stopped the rot of three consecutive defeats with a draw the previous week, West Dorset

were expecting to get back to winning ways given their opponents league position despite missing stalwarts Robin Goodfellow and Gavin Brooking, although they had good replacements in Bertie Newman and John Dormer.

Steel was forced to play several players in unfamiliar positions and it took the Hawks a while to settle, whilst Taunton Vale looked much stronger than previous, and only a superb save from Tom Lowe and a goal line aerial stick save from Julian May stopped them going behind.

The second half saw a big improvement and Hawks were unlucky not to take the lead in an almost carbon copy of the incident which gave Vale victory. Simon Wakely's just got his stick on to the end of Dormer's 40-yard diagonal pass, but the shot smashed against the crossbar.

As the ageing Hawks tired, Vale, with a full 14-man squad rotating constantly, bagged victory follow-

ing Steele's act of honesty late on.

The defeat sees West Dorset slip into the fourth relegation spot. This Saturday they entertain ECV Hornets A.

Hawks A back to winning ways
West Dorset A 4 Dart A 0
South East Division Two

THE Hawks A team returned to winning ways with a comfortable 4-0 home win against Dart A.

With only 10 players available, the Hawks were relieved to see the visitors start with only nine, their 10th player arriving midway through the first half.

The midfield pairing of Dan Wyatt and Lee Connolly controlled the game well throughout, providing numerous attacking threats along with Krystian Dubas and Russell Coombes.

Wyatt bagged the Hawks' first goal after a mazy run from the middle of the pitch, before Coombes doubled the lead with a fine shot from an acute angle.

The start of the second half followed on from the fine display in the first, and it wasn't long before the Hawks went 3-0 ahead. Dubas controlled the ball brilliantly on the right, allowing Wyatt to cross to Richard Wilson who drilled home a shot at the far post.

Dubas then turned provider for the fourth, teeing up Wyatt to fire home a shot in the far corner.

Drew's return from a two week break helped ensure a clean sheet for the Hawks, having conceded 17 goals in their last two games.

Special mention goes to Giles Maltby returning from a horrific injury sustained just three weeks ago, and to Matt Keeping, for putting in a fine shift three years since his last appearance.

The Hawks travel to Minehead A this coming Saturday.

Team: Alex Drew (c), Henry Middleton, Bruce Maltby, Giles Maltby, Matt Keeping, Krystian Dubas, Dan Wyatt, Lee Connolly, Richard Wilson, Russell Coombes.

Indoor Bowls round-up

Great win double for Bridport men

IT WAS a great week for Bridport & West Dorset Club's men as they won both their Wessex League and Purbeck Trophy League fixtures, and Stephen Grier progressed to the area quarter final of the national competition.

They picked up 12 of the possible 16 points available in their Wessex League basement battle with DOLPHIN BLUES (Poole) winning 72-67 overall.

At home there were solid winning performances from Brian Iversen, Stephen Grier, Bob Taylor & Ivor Parker 21-13, and Barry Mapson, Bill Payne, Ken Sanger & Brian Conisbee 20-14.

Although they lost both matches at Poole they kept the margins to a minimum with Mike Long, Roger Cowmeadow, Martin Grier & Brian Rumble going down 15-18, and Mike Parsons, Ken Giles, Ken Enticott & Chris Thorne 16-22, to give Bridport the vital eight extra points for overall win.

It was much easier in the Purbeck Trophy League where Iversen, Parker & Thorne, and Martin Wilton, Taylor & Rumble were on great form as they recorded easy wins over bottom side WELLWORTHY to claim maximum points.

Stephen Grier picked up a big scalp in the National Singles Competition with a 21-14 win over one of Dorset's top young guns, Jamie Lockwood. It was 14-14 before Grier dominated the latter stages for a great win, to claim a place in the area quarter finals.

In the County Mixed League, Anne Parkins, Barbara Iversen, Brian Pratt & Mike Fletcher picked up two points at home against Moon-

fleet, but Lyn and Mike Craddock, Derek Eaward & Jenny Harding lost 16-21.

At Moonfleet Joan and Mel Griffiths and Barbara & Keith Jenkins secured another point with a 17-17 draw, but Moonfleet picked up the extra points for the overall win as Laura Taylor, Gill and Peter Hunt & Phil Hedges lost 13-18.

Moonfleet Ladies in Cliffhanger
MOONFLEET ladies fielded two teams in the first round of the Mason Trophy.

One team suffered defeat at the hands of Yeovil, but the other had a thrilling game against Bridport with one home rink and one away.

The home rink of Irene Martindill, Sheila Goddard, Linda Bryson & skip Gerd Holmes moved into an early lead and after five ends were 9-0 ahead.

The Bridport rink made a quick comeback and, winning eight out of the next 10 ends, had narrowed the gap to 12-13 by end 15. Over the final three ends the hosts again took control to clinch a very close 16-14 victory.

At Bridport the local quartet took the first four ends to leave Moonfleet trailing 0-8, but, by end 10 the Moonfleet team of Margaret Hooper, Mairi Mathie, Chris Thompson & skip Kath Desmond had narrowed the gap to 8-10.

Bridport managed to keep the advantage and, even with a useful three shots on end 16, Moonfleet were unable to prevent a 14-16 defeat.

This meant a 30-30 tie overall so an extra end had to be played. At Moonfleet the eight players

once again took to the rink as the final nail-biting end unfolded. With shot going to first one side, then the other the tension mounted until one shot was claimed by the hosts to take the match to a thrilling 31-30 finale.

Moonfleet now move into the next round where they will face Dorchester.

Moonfleet B 55 Isle of Purbeck 35
MOONFLEET B travelled to The Isle of Purbeck in this latest Ladies County league match.

Mary Dunne, Sue Trott, Mary Corben & skip Sheila Escott had an evenly matched first six ends and were one shot behind.

A massive seven shot haul on the next end, followed by a four and a five then put the Moonfleet four firmly in the driving seat and, by end 15 they were 23-8 ahead.

The Swanage quartet began a comeback and added 12 shots over the next four ends to close the gap to 23-20. But Moonfleet hung on and, picking up two shots on each of the last two ends, finished with a 27-20 victory.

On the other rink Pam Hayward, Sue Paull, Julie Watts & skip Rose Giles had an incredibly close first half playing a game of cat and mouse against the hosts. End eight saw both rinks on six shots and by end 13 the scores were again level at 11-11.

From end 15 the Moonfleet quartet went up a gear and took complete control to win the next six ends adding a massive total of 17 shots to secure a comfortable 28-15 victory with an overall 55-35 total.

Skittles news

Lyme Regis

RESULTS from w/e Dec 3rd

Ladies; Rollercoasters 273 (+BL) Hot Gossips 262, Wild Pins 302 (+BL) La Crème 297, Generations 294 Wootton Wobblers 329 (+BL), Smashers 303 Skittos's 283 (+BL).
Men's; No Hoppers 366 (+BL) Clueless 330 Roadrunners (+BL) b Shakers (game given), Marksmen 349 (+BL) Flyers 322, Anthill Mob 309 Young Guns 340 (+BL), Rousdon Rebels 348 Wreckers 342 (+BL), British Legion 297 Miscellaneous 313 (+BL), President's Men 363 (+BL) Alleytwits 359.

Men's Div One	Pd	Pts	BL
No Hoppers	7	14	12
Marksmen	6	10	8
Flyers	6	8	4
Young Guns	6	6	6
Trappers	6	6	2
Wreckers	6	4	6
Clueless	6	4	2
Anthill Mob	6	2	8
Rousdon Rebels	7	2	8

Men's Div Two	Pd	Pts	BL
Roadrunners	5	10	8
Miscellaneous	6	9	4
President's Men	5	8	6
Alleytwits	6	6	8
Tornadoes	6	4	2
British Legion	6	2	4
Shakers	6	1	6

Ladies	Pd	Pts	BL
Wootton Wobb	5	8	8
Skittos's	4	6	7
Smashers	5	6	5
Wild Pins	4	6	4
Rollercoasters	5	4	6
Hot Gossips	4	4	4
La Crème	4	2	0
Generations	5	0	1

Bridport

Division A	Pld	Pts
Shipcraft	5	10
Denhay	5	8
Rockets	5	8
Rough Eight	5	8
Masters	5	6
Rejects	5	6
Broadcloak	5	4
Wanderers	5	4
Nelson Nobblers	5	2
Slingers	5	2
U Know the Bokes	5	2
Lively Lads	5	0

Division B	Pld	Pts
Miss the Ball	5	10
Countrymen	5	6
The Dingles	5	5
Outsiders	5	5
Bangers	5	4
Castouts	5	4
Dingbats	5	4
Lost in Time	5	4
Survivors	5	4
Aussies Lot	5	2
Originals	5	2

Division C	Pld	Pts
Gerryatics	5	10
NBC	5	10
LHS	5	8
Wickers	5	8
Brandy Snaps	5	6
Pioneers	5	6
Groundhogs	4	2
Stingers	5	2
Unknowns	5	2
Whiskey Chasers	5	2
Yo Yo's	5	2
Bulldogs	3	0

Division D	Pld	Pts
Alcoholics	5	10
Alleycats	5	8
Featherbeds	5	8
Strawpeodes	5	8
Let em Roll	5	6
BFC	5	4
Firebirds	5	4
Offcuts	5	4
Bad Girls	5	2
Hidden Talent	4	2
Pinbashers	4	2

Highest individual score; E.Tuck (Unknowns) 88.
Highest individual Ladies; S.Luter (Yo Yo's) 86.



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INSIDE: Comprehensive sport round-up

Glittering evening for the district's golfers

THERE was to a packed clubhouse on the most celebrated night of the year for Weymouth Golf Club, as Club Captain Bob Mico presented members with the numerous awards achieved during the year.

Once again, the very successful Junior section won many cups and awards, one of which was the prestigious Colin Chataway Team Trophy.

Jacob Tidswell, who reduced his handicap the most during the season, was awarded Junior Player of The Year.

Talented 13-year-old Alex Johnson, who has a handicap of 7, picked up six awards that included the South West Under 14s Trophy.

The Seniors' team, captained by Gerald Hayes, won the Counties Carpetbarn Over 50s Event

The Ladies defeated 35 other teams from Dorset and Hampshire to win Bramshaw Eclectic when the pairings of Di Loving (Silver) with Carol Freeman (Bronze) and Dilys Grant (Silver) with Pat Ray (Bronze) played exceptionally well to take the prize.

Champions for 2016;
JUNIOR - Sean Dimmick,
LADIES - Dilys Grant,
CLUB - Tom Robson who won this award for the third-year running.



◆ **WINNERS:** The Bramshaw Cup winning team, from left; Di Loving, Sally Davis (Ladies Captain), Pat Ray and Dilys Grant (Carol Freeman missing from Photo).



◆ **CHAMP:** Club Champion Tom Robson with Club Captain Bob Mico



◆ **SIX HIT:** Alex Johnson, winner of six awards, with Bob Mico.



◆ **THE FUTURE:** Some of the successful Junior Members

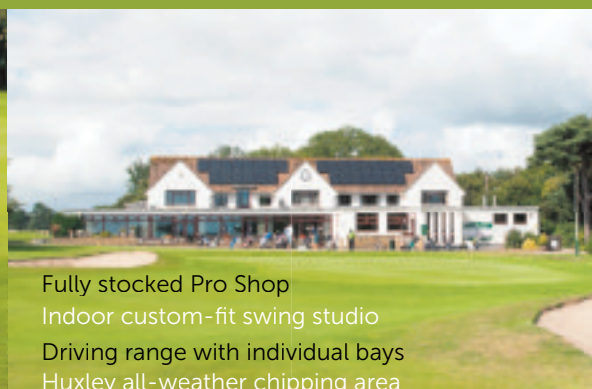
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